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1 Introduction

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 15123 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 36 – 0.01 kilometres of 168.3 millimetre outside-diameter pipeline) and a new meter/regulating gate station.

(the project).

2. The application was registered as Application No. 1608504 on June 1, 2012.

3. ATCO proposed to install a new 168 millimetre pipeline lateral from the existing 219 millimetre Hermit Lake North Transmission Pipeline, Permit and Licence No. 15123, Line 28. The pipeline lateral is being constructed to provide high pressure natural gas service to a new ATCO Gas gate station.

4. ATCO stated the proposed 12 metres of 168 millimetre diameter pipeline would originate at a tie-in point off ATCO's existing 219 millimetre Hermit Lake North Transmission Pipeline, Permit and Licence no. 15123, Line 28, at 04-33-71-06-W6M and would terminate at a proposed ATCO Gas gate station at 04-33-71-06-W6M. The proposed gate station would supply development in the Grande Prairie region.

5. ATCO stated that the proposed gate station is located within the limits of, and on land owned by, the City of Grande Prairie.¹ The area has been zoned as Airport District and is located directly north of the Grande Prairie Airport. The current land use is agricultural. ATCO provided landowners and occupants with information regarding the appearance of the new station, as well as the equipment to be installed in the new station and the noise produced by it. The only issues raised during the notifications process were a request to include privacy slats in the chain link fence of the proposed station and a request to keep the proposed access gate to the site closed and locked unless being used by personnel during operations. The proposed fencing was changed to accommodate the landowner's request.

6. ATCO stated that due to the existing and proposed land use at the proposed gate station location and the expected minimal impact, no formal environmental evaluation was completed for the proposed gate station.²

¹ Exhibit No. 0010.00.ATCO-1923.

² Exhibit No. 0010.00.ATCO-1923.

7. ATCO stated that the Noise Assessment Summary Form indicated that the predicted sound levels would be below the permissible sound levels by at least three dBA. This project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since it consists of a Class II pipeline and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit's *Listing of Historic Resources*.

8. In its submission, ATCO stated that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain in regards to the application.

2 Findings

9. The Commission considered ATCO's submission that a participant involvement program has been conducted and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

10. The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

11. The Commission finds that information in the application submitted by ATCO fulfills the requirements of AUC Rule 012: *Noise Control*.

12. Due to the nature of the application, a notice of application was not issued and, therefore, a hearing was not required as the Commission considered that its decision or order would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

13. The Commission finds that the project is necessary to accommodate the development in the Grande Prairie Region.

14. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the project to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

3 Decision

15. Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment to Permit and Licence No. 15123 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 15123 - July 23, 2012 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 23, 2012.

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(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member