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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Amendment to Remove Pipeline No Longer Required
Permit and Licence No. 9530
Application No. 1609149
Proceeding ID No. 2329

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609149 registered on December 20, 2012, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to remove Line 9 in Township 23, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 9530.

ATCO stated that it proposes to remove approximately 30 metres of 60.3 millimetre pipeline in 03-35-23-29-W4M. This segment of pipe is no longer required, as it feeds an abandoned ATCO Gas regulating station (Tap #71875). ATCO would remove all above ground facilities at this location. ATCO proposed to remove the 30 metre pipeline segment, as opposed to abandoning it in place, because it is a more cost effective option.

ATCO also stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by this project. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment