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Attention: Brad Cann, P.Eng.
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**Amendment to accommodate the abandonment of a pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 9824
Application No. 1609141
Proceeding ID No. 2328**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609141 registered on December 20, 2012 (the application), 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* for the abandonment of Line 5 in Township 51, Range 20, West of Fourth Meridian.

The work was related to a minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 9824.

ATCO stated that in June 2012, maintenance work was being planned on the 60.3 millimetre, aluminum pipeline lateral (License 9824, Line 5). During this process it was determined that the pipeline lateral had been previously disconnected from its north pipeline tie-in and that there was a 310 metre dead end that should be abandoned in place. The abandonment was completed in October 2012 as per AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved no significant ground disturbance and was 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 project was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place were likely directly affected by the project, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the 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 stylized with a large initial "B" and a cursive "Shand".

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