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

**Amendment to Accommodate Abandonment Due to Recent Valve Assembly Upgrades  
Permit and Licence No. 12109  
Application No. 1609174  
Proceeding ID No. 2333**

**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609174, registered on January 3, 2013, 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 split Line 6 into lines 6 and 31 in Township 56, Ranges 5, 6 and 7, west of the Fifth Meridian.

The proposed work is related to the minor split of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 12109.

ATCO stated that the line split of Line 6 into lines 6 and 31 is required to accommodate the future abandonment of the newly designated Line 6. ATCO explained that this work relates to consolidating two existing valve assemblies, 240 metres apart, that require upgrading. ATCO proposed to upgrade and combine the functions of both valve assemblies into one valve assembly capable of facilitating in-line inspection at the valve location furthest east, since this valve assembly also supplies gas to a gate station. Since the existing valve assembly to the west would be removed to facilitate in-line inspection, this section of pipe (the newly designated Line 6) would no longer be required as the line would no longer be connected to the pipeline at the west end.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the line split does not involve a ground disturbance there will be no environmental impact.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed line split.

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 style with some overlapping letters.

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

Attachment