

**DA2013-17**

January 21, 2013

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

**Amendment to Abandon Pipe no Longer Required as a Result of Valve Assembly Upgrades  
Permit and Licence No. 12109  
Application No. 1609199  
Proceeding ID No. 2355**

### **Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609199 registered on January 17, 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* for the abandonment of Paddle River transmission pipeline Line 6, in Township 56, Ranges 6 and 7, west of the Fifth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment 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 recent valve assembly upgrades in the area allowed ATCO to consolidate the functionality of two valve assemblies, 240 metres apart, into one valve assembly. The 240 metres of 273.1 millimetre pipe (Line 6), identified in the routine application for a line split ([DA2013-10](#),<sup>1</sup> Application No. 1609174, Proceeding ID No. 2333), is therefore no longer required. On November 2, 2012, ATCO abandoned in place Line 6 between LSD 08-36-056-07-W5M and LSD 05-31-056-06-W5M.

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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> DA2013-10: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Amendment to Accommodate Abandonment Due to Recent Valve Assembly Upgrades, Application No. 1609174, Proceeding ID No. 2333, January 10, 2013.

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 stylized and somewhat cursive.

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

Attachment