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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 Future Abandonment
Permit and Licence No. 11435
Application No. 1609242
Proceeding ID No. 2379**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609242 registered on January 29, 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 1 into lines 1 and 3 in Township 42, Range 25, west of Fourth Meridian.

The proposed work is related to the minor split of the existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 11435.

ATCO stated that in 2010, it replaced the existing 168.3 millimetre/219.1 millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline with a 71.04 kilometre 219.1 millimetre pipeline from Lacombe to the south boundary of the Samson Reserve, and from the north boundary of the Ermineskin Reserve to Gwynne. In order to maintain service to the existing customers which are fed from the existing Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline, ATCO has been working to convert all the laterals and customers from the existing Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline to the new Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline. To accommodate the town of Ponoka (the town), the new Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline was routed around the town, and two laterals (the 168.3 millimetre South Ponoka Lateral and the 168.3 millimetre North Ponoka Lateral) were built to maintain service to the town. Once all the existing customers are converted to the new Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline, the existing pipeline will be abandoned.

ATCO also stated that the 60.3 millimetre pipeline lateral licensed under Permit and Licence No. 11435 feeds several existing customers and must be disconnected from the existing Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline and connected to the new 168.3 millimetre South Ponoka Lateral. There is a 20 metre portion of the 60.3 millimetre lateral proposed to be abandoned in place once the lateral is tied into the 168.3 millimetre South Ponoka Lateral. The purpose of this line split application is to accommodate the future abandonment application.

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 stylized and somewhat cursive.

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

Attachment