

DA2013-35

February 6, 2013

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Amendment to Permit and Licence No. 1950**
Application No. 1609253
Proceeding ID No. 2404**Record amendment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609253 registered on February 1, 2013, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to reinstate lines 126 and 128 as abandoned in Township 24, Range 9, west of the Fifth Meridian. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1950.

ATCO stated that in 2012, Lafarge Canada Inc. requested the removal and abandonment of portions of ATCO's 114.3 millimetre pipeline on their plant premises to accommodate proposed improvements. ATCO received approval from the AUC to split Line 108 into lines 108, 125, 126, 127 and 128 in [DA2012-293](#).¹ Lines 108, 126 and 128 were to be removed, and lines 125 and 127 were to be abandoned in place under a separate application. Once construction crews were on-site, it was determined by Lafarge Canada Inc. and ATCO that the removal of some sections of the pipeline would not be required to accommodate to the proposed improvements and that removal would cause unnecessary disruption to the surrounding environment. Lines 126 and 128 which were to be removed were actually abandoned in place and, therefore, this application is for approval to reinstate lines 126 and 128 onto Permit and Licence No. 1950 as abandoned pipelines.

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

ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

¹ DA2012-293: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split and Removal to Accommodate Lafarge Canada Plant Improvements, Application No. 1608908, Proceeding ID No. 2186, October 22, 2012.

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 record amendment.

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