

DA2013-78

March 20, 2013

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Permit and Licence No. 2175**
Application No. 1609383
Proceeding ID No. 2495**Record amendment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609383 registered on March 13, 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* for the following in Townships 10 and 11, Range 26 west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Status amendment of Line 1 from operating to abandoned.
- Status amendment of Line 5 from operating to abandoned.

The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence No. 2175.

ATCO stated that due to ongoing integrity and safety-related concerns on Line 1 of licence 2175, ATCO's assessment determined the best option was to abandon Line 1. Line 1 is located from LSD 01-02-011-26-W4M to LSD 15-31-010-26-W4M and provided gas service to several taps as well as the gate station in Granum. Abandonment of Line 1 required replacement of the pipeline to maintain the functionality of the system. A least cost analysis was completed in conjunction with ATCO Gas. It was determined that rather than ATCO Pipelines replacing the existing high pressure pipeline, the lower cost alternative would be for ATCO Gas to install low pressure distribution piping connected to a new regulating station site at LSD 04-01-011-26-W4M adjacent to Line 2. The location of the new regulating station also required the abandonment of Line 5, identified in the routine application for line split (DA2013-39, Application No. 1609188, Proceeding ID No. 2351). The new regulating station was connected to Line 2 to replace the functionality of the abandoned section of pipe. On December 5, 2012, ATCO Pipelines abandoned Lines 1 and 5.

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.

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 written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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

Attachment