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Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Pipeline split for abandonment of a section of pipeline no longer required Permit and Licence No. 6775 Application No. 1609562 Proceeding ID No. 2583

## Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609562 registered on May 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 2 into Lines 2 and 14, in Township 55, Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to a minor pipeline split of an existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 6775.

ATCO stated that the line split is required to accommodate the abandonment of Line 14. In 2012, ATCO installed a Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) facility between Line 1 of Licence 21019, and Line 2 of Licence 6775 at the existing facility. This resulted in the tie-in location moving 50 metres north. ATCO determined that this 50 metre section of pipeline was no longer required. ATCO stated that all work was completed within the existing surface lease.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the line split. Since the line split involves no ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

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 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.

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

Attachment