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

**Pipeline Split, Removal and Replacement
Permit and Licence No. 5267
Application No. 1609653
Proceeding ID No. 2646**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609653 registered on June 7, 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 following in Township 9, Ranges 11 and 12, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Splitting Line 1 into lines 1, 3 and 4.
- Removal of Line 3.
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 5 – 0.15 kilometres of 60.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline).
- Lines 1 and 4 to remain in operation.
- Environmental code amendment of Line 1.
- Mapping amendment of lines 1 and 2.

The proposed work is related to a minor pipeline split, addition and removal, within the original right-of-way, for pipeline previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 5267.

ATCO stated that the existing 60.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline was installed in 1966 to supply natural gas to the customers in the County of Forty Mile No. 8, Alberta. The existing pipeline is exposed within an unnamed creek connected to Yellow Lake. Replacement of the pipeline under the creek is required to rectify this situation.

ATCO stated that the project would involve the installation of approximately 150 metres of pipeline, Line 5, by means of a horizontal directional drill, and the removal of approximately 100 metres of pipeline, Line 3. Fifty metres of pipeline would remain to support an existing downstream farm tap unit.

ATCO stated that a watercourse crossing of the unnamed creek would be completed by horizontal directional drilling. Any liquids, if present, would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

ATCO stated that installation operations are to be completed this year upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

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.

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".

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

Attachment