

DA 2012-2

January 4, 2012

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Pipeline Split**
Application No. 1607995
Proceeding ID No. 1648**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607995 registered on December 20, 2011, 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 4 into Lines 4 and 15 in Township 67, Range 10, west of the Fifth Meridian. The proposed work is related to a minor split of existing pipe within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 20102.

ATCO stated that the splitting of Line 4 is required at this time in preparation for the eventual transfer of Line 15 to Devon Canada Corporation. The remaining portion of Line 4 would be retained by ATCO. Once the line has been split, ATCO would apply to the AUC for the transfer under separate application. Once approval has been granted, ATCO would then initiate the transfer through the Energy Resource Conservation Board's DDS system to complete the transition of the pipeline from ATCO to Devon Canada Corporation.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project 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 likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission