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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Kelly Granigan, P. Eng.
Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering**Abandonment of Pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 678
Application No. 1608221
Proceeding ID No. 1754****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608221 registered on March 1, 2012, 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 abandon Line 5 in Township 49, Range 1, west of the Fifth Meridian. The proposed work is related to a minor abandonment of an existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 678.

ATCO stated that pursuant to Decision [2011-345](#)¹ the 88 millimetre Thorsby Lateral Loop was installed in 2011 to replace a portion of the 42 millimetre Thorsby Lateral from LSD 13-14-49-W5M to LSD 12-14-49-1-W5M. A portion of the 42 millimetre Thorsby Lateral was removed and a portion was abandoned in place.

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

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the minor pipeline project. Since the minor pipeline 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.

¹ Decision 2011-345: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction – Township 49, Range 1, West of the Fifth Meridian, Application No. 1607587, Proceeding ID No. 1397, August 22, 2011.

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 pipeline project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed pipeline project.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Popowich".

Don Popowich, P. Eng.
Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission