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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Brad Cann, E.I.T.
Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering**Amendment to Accommodate the Canadian Pacific Relocation Request
Permit and Licence No. 7231
Application No. 1608268
Proceeding ID No. 1788****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608268 registered on March 20, 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* for the following in Township 51, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 10 into lines 10, 21 and 22
- removal of Line 21
- length adjustment and mapping correction to Line 10
- addition of a proposed pipeline (Line 23 – 0.11 kilometres of 168.3 millimetre (mm) outside-diameter pipeline)
- lines 10 and 22 remain in place

The proposed work is related to a minor removal and replacement of existing pipe within the original right-of-way previously, constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 7231.

ATCO stated that the mapping correction is required since, during the original installation of the 168 mm pipeline a 330 metre segment deviated from the proposed alignment in order to avoid a farm house, which has since been removed. This deviation was never licensed with the AUC. Upon receiving a request from Canadian Pacific to relocate the 330 metre segment, ATCO discovered the licensing error. The project scope involves the removal of the aforementioned 330 metre segment of the 168 mm pipeline and the installation of 110 metres of new 168 mm pipe across the land where the farm house used to be.

ATCO also stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to construction and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. Open trenching would be used for the installation and removal of the pipeline. The topsoil would be stripped and stored, and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

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 now back within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowner of the affected land 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 owner of the land upon which the pipeline project takes place will 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.

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Wade Vienneau
Executive Director – Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment