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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Karen Coldham
Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering**Amendment regarding a new 60.3 millimetre lateral
Permit and Licence No. 2526
Application No. 1608272
Proceeding ID No. 1803****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608272 registered on March 21, 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 addition of a proposed pipeline (Line 144 – 0.04 kilometres of 60.3 millimetre (mm) outside-diameter pipeline), located in Township 42, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the eventual replacement of a pipeline within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 2526.

ATCO proposed to install a new 60.3 mm pipeline lateral to provide high pressure natural gas service to an existing customer. The expenditures associated with the installation of this project are part of ATCO's capital expenditure program.

The new pipeline lateral would originate at a tie-in point on ATCO's existing 219 mm Southern Extension transmission pipeline (Permit and Licence No. 2526, Line 96) at 01-13-42-26-W4M and would terminate at an existing ATCO farm tap unit (meter/regulation station) at 01-13-42-26-W4M that currently supplies rural customers south of Ponoka. The existing farm tap unit is currently tied into the Vintage 168 mm Southern Extension transmission pipeline (Permit and Licence No. 2526, Line 6), which is scheduled for abandonment in the fall of 2012. In order to ensure that service to existing customers is maintained, the existing farm tap unit would be tied in to the new 219 mm Southern Extension transmission pipeline, through the proposed pipeline lateral.

ATCO stated that the existing farm tap unit (meter/regulation station) was installed in 1969. No changes would be made to the existing equipment, load requirements, gas velocity or noise produced.

ATCO stated that this project does not require a Historical Resource Impact Assessment since it is a Class II pipeline and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit's *Listing of Historic Resources*.

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 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 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 that reads "J W Vienneau". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

Attachment