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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Amendment to Permit and Licence No. 3861
Application No. 1608458
Proceeding ID No. 1893

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608458 registered on May 16, 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 project located in Township 60, Range 5, west of the Fifth Meridian:

- Splitting Line 14 into Lines 14, 82 and 83.
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 84 – 0.1 kilometres of 323.9 millimetre outside diameter pipeline).
- Lines 14 and 83 to remain in operation.
- Line 82 to be abandoned under a future application.
- Mapping amendment to Lines 14, 2, 52 and 54 (base map amendment only).

ATCO stated that the application involves a pipeline addition and line split on Permit and Licence No. 3861. Line 14 would be split into Lines 14, 82 and 83. Line 82 would be abandoned in place under a separate application once the work has been completed. Lines 14 and 83 would remain in operation. Line 84 would be added as the replacement road crossing that would be operating in place of Line 82.

During an inline inspection, ATCO determined that corrosion is present within the casing of the existing road crossing in Range Road 55, therefore, the road crossing is scheduled to be replaced in June of 2012. The existing crossing would be replaced with a new crossing that would be installed using a horizontal directional drill within the existing 15 metre right-of-way. The existing crossing would be abandoned in place.

ATCO stated this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since it would be installed in a pre-disturbed right-of-way and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit's listing of historic resources.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection from directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained on May 14, 2012.

The proposed work is related to the minor replacement of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 3861.

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.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment