

**DA2012-165**

June 27, 2012

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
7210-42 Street N.W.  
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle  
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Amendment to Permit and Licence No. 7029**  
**Application No. 1608557**  
**Proceeding ID No. 1961****Pipeline abandonment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608557 registered on June 18, 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 amendments in Township 41, Ranges 26 and 27, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Abandonment of Lines 2, 10, 17, 35, 37, 38 and 40.
- Mapping amendment of Line 16 (base map amendment only).
- Mapping amendment of Lines 17, 35, 37 and 38.

The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 7029.

ATCO stated that as part of this project, a previous permit and licence was received from the AUC to remove Lines 18, 36 and 39 (Decision [2011-151](#))<sup>1</sup>. Permit and Licence No. 7029, Lines 2, 10, 17, 35, 37, 38 and 40 were abandoned late in April 2012. As stated in Application No. 1607974, in order to accommodate Lacombe County's TWP 412 road widening, ATCO, the local distribution company, has consolidated all the loads from the 42 millimetre and 60 millimetre high pressure pipelines to an existing tap at the west end of Line 7. Some portions of the line were removed and the above listed lines were no longer required and were, therefore, abandoned.

ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline abandonment. Since the pipeline abandonment does not involve any further ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2012-151: Alberta Electric System Operator – Needs Identification Document and ATCO Electric Ltd. – Facility Application – Fort McMurray Area 144-kV Reinforcement, Applications No. 1606412 and No. 1606433, Proceeding ID No. 759, April 14, 2011.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will likely be caused by the proposed pipeline abandonment.

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

Attachment