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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) 7210-42 Street N.W. Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1

Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle

Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Amendment to Permit and Licence No. 6916 Application No. 1608564 Proceeding ID No. 1963

## Pipeline abandonment application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608564 registered on June 19, 2012 (the application), 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 10 in Township 53, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 6916.

ATCO stated that in June 2012, it abandoned 240m of the 42mm Paddle River Branch Pipeline between LSD 13-32-53-25-W4M and LSD 12-32-53-25-W4M which had become obsolete as the service was no longer required. Previously, ATCO Pipelines applied for the line split of Line 9 into Lines 9 and 10 under Application No. 1606840. Line 9 was to be removed and Line 10 was to be abandoned under a separate application. Since the work has been completed, ATCO is applying for the abandonment of Line 10 to complete this project.

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

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.

Don Popowich, P. Eng.

Director - Facilities division

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment