

DA 2012-210

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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Amendment to Licence 11086**
Application No. 1608546
Proceeding ID No. 1954**Record amendment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608546 registered on June 14, 2012 (the application), filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in Township 50, Range 18 west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Amend the status of Line 2 from operating to abandoned.
- Amend the status of Installation 1 (compressor station) from operating to removed.

The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 11086.

ATCO stated that in 1977, they completed the installation of a natural gas compressor station as Installation 001 on License 11086. The compressor station included a fenced graveled site, access road, and a compressor package housed in a metal building on a concrete foundation. Related assets included yard piping, including Line 002, a communication building and power service. ATCO owns the site in fee simple. In 1989, ATCO determined that the compressor station was no longer required. The compressor package and building were removed in 1989. Line 002 was decommissioned and abandoned in place. ATCO still owns the site.

ATCO stated that they have not received any public inquiries or complaints since the assets were removed in 1989. Therefore, under AUC Rule 020 Clause 3.8.4(2), ATCO requested permission to waive the participant involvement requirements.

ATCO stated that Environmental Site Assessments (Phases 1, 2 & 3) have been completed. Copies of these Environmental Site Assessments were filed with the application. Remediation and reclamation plans are being finalized and would be implemented in 2012. The Detailed Site Assessment and Reclamation Certificate Application are planned for the summer of 2013.

Since no person has filed an inquiry nor have any complaints been registered by any party related to the removal of the compressor installation or the abandonment of the pipeline, which occurred in 1989, the Commission waives the need for a participation involvement program.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no additional 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 be caused by the proposed record amendment.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission