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Manawan Lake Lateral Pipeline – Pressure reduction Permit and Licence No. 32196 Application No. 1608752 Proceeding ID No. 2083

## Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608752 registered on August 17, 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 amend the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of Lines 1 and 2 in Township 56, Ranges 23 and 25, West of fourth meridian, from 6580 kilopascals (kPa) to 3450 kPa.

ATCO stated that due to a change in use on the Manawan Lake Lateral Pipeline under Licence 32196, it is no longer necessary to maintain the MOP as originally licensed. ATCO is therefore applying to reduce the MOP on the licence from 6580 kPa to 3450 kPa. The Manawan Lake Lateral Pipeline would be connected to ATCO's existing 323 millimetre (mm) Legal Uncas Transmission Pipeline under Licence 1826 which has a MOP of 3450 kPa. Overpressure protection has been considered for both upstream and downstream locations and no additional equipment would be required to facilitate this MOP change. No connecting pipelines would be adversely affected by the MOP decrease. No other companies, crossings, or watercourse crossings would be adversely affected by the MOP decrease.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the minor pipeline project. Since the minor pipeline project does not involve a ground disturbance within the original right-of-way, 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 be caused by the proposed pipeline project.

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

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission