

**DA2012-237**

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AltaGas Utilities Inc.  
5509 – 45th Street  
Leduc, Alberta T9E 6T6Attention: Marie Morales, C.E.T.  
Distribution Planning**Amendment to Supply Natural Gas for Residential Growth  
Permit and Licence No. 6192  
Application No. 1608662  
Proceeding ID No. 2037****Minor pipeline project application**

AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas), by Application No. 1608662 registered on July 19, 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 in Township 11, Range 6, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- addition of a proposed pipeline (Line 48 – 1.45 kilometres of 88.9-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline)
- addition of a new regulator station

AltaGas proposed to install approximately 1.45 kilometres of steel pipeline from their existing regulator station in NW15-11-6-W4 to their proposed regulator station in SE21-11-6-W4 to provide gas supply for residential growth.

AltaGas also stated that this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit's *Listing of Historic Resources*.

The noise impact assessment summary form submitted by AltaGas indicates that the predicted sound levels would be below the permissible sound levels.

AltaGas stated that all land owners and occupants have been given written notification of the proposed construction, including a general description of the project and all above ground facilities. All landowners and occupants have given written confirmation that they have no objection to the issuing of the permit.

AltaGas stated that there would be no adverse effects on vegetation or soil resources. Open trenching would be used for the installation of the pipeline and directional bore would be used for the crossings. Only a three-metre wide area of topsoil of the trench line would be stripped.

All soils would be separated into topsoil and subsoil as necessary, and stored on the proposed 15-metre wide right-of-way. All surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned. Re-seeding would either be done by the landowner where AltaGas would pay the landowner to do the work, or AltaGas's pipeline contractor would do the work for the landowner, to the landowner's satisfaction.

AltaGas has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected land did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, AltaGas 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 pipeline project.

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



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Director, Facilities Division  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment