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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

**Amendment to Replace Pipeline Crossing
Permit and Licence No. 1826
Application No. 1608857
Proceeding ID No. 2150**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608857 registered on September 25, 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 52, Range 21, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 60 into lines 60, 66 and 67
- abandonment of Line 66 under a separate application
- length amendment to Line 60
- addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 68 - 0.20 kilometres of 406.4-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline).
- lines 60 and 67 are to remain in operation

The proposed work is related to a minor replacement of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1826.

ATCO Pipelines stated in 2011, that since they were planning to install a second spur line, CN Rail requested an extension of the casing on a cased rail crossing. When ATCO Pipelines initiated this work, an existing mechanical fitting was found on the pipeline which precluded extending the casing. At this point, the decision was made to re-drill the crossing and abandon the existing crossing in place, thereby permitting a complete cased crossing, eliminating the existing mechanical fitting in close proximity to the railway.

ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since it is being installed in a pre-disturbed right-of-way. The proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's listing of historic resources. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the installation activities.

ATCO Pipelines stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained on September 20, 2012.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO 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 project.

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



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment