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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Patrick Bain, E.I.T.
Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering**Amendment to Accommodate the Future Abandonment and De-licencing of
Nisku Lateral Pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 2045 – October 12, 2012 Amendment
Application No. 1608864
Proceeding ID No. 2164****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO Pipelines), by Application No. 1608864 registered on September 26, 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 Townships 50 and 51, Range 25, West of Fourth Meridian.

- splitting Line 14 into lines 14 and 15
- amending the ‘From Location’ of Line 14

ATCO stated that they have recently completed construction of the Nisku Lateral Replacement project which consisted of the installation of a new 219.1 millimetre and 168.3 millimetre pipeline to replace the existing 114.3 millimetre Nisku Lateral Pipeline. ATCO Pipelines obtained approval for this work under AUC Application No. 1607540, Decision [2011-379](#).¹

ATCO stated that a portion of the existing 114.3 millimetre Nisku Lateral pipeline (Line 14) can now be abandoned and the remaining portion of the pipeline (Line 15) converted to low-pressure service which does not require licencing. Upon approval from the AUC of this line split, a separate application will be submitted for the abandonment of Line 14 and the conversion to-low pressure (de-licencing) of Line 15.

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 there will be no environmental impact.

¹ Decision 2011-379: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) Pipeline Split and New Construction – Townships 50 and 51, Range 25, West of the Fourth Meridian, Application No. 1607540, Proceeding ID No. 1376, September 16, 2011.

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