

DA2012-313

October 31, 2012

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Patrick Bain, EIT
Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering**Amendment to Accommodate the Abandonment and De-Licensing of the
Nisku Lateral Pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 2045
Application No. 1608927
Proceeding ID No. 2202****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608927 registered on October 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 Townships 50 and 51, Range 25, west of Fourth Meridian.

- abandonment of Line 14
- de-licencing of Line 15
- amend the recorded length of Line 14 from 1.29 kilometres to 1.40 kilometres
- amend the recorded length of Line 15 from 1.91 kilometres to 1.80 kilometres

The work was related to the abandonment and de-licencing of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 2045.

ATCO stated that it received approval to split Line 14 into lines 14 and 15 under Application No. 1608864, delegated authority letter [DA2012-289](#).¹ The abandonment and conversion to low-pressure was completed on August 17, 2012.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year.

¹ DA2012-289: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Amendment to Accommodate the Future Abandonment and De-licencing of Nisku Lateral Pipeline, Application No. 1608864, Proceeding ID No. 2164, October 12, 2012.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved no significant ground disturbance and was 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 project was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place were likely directly affected by the project, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Gas Facilities Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment