

DA2012-321

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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

**Amendment to Abandon Pipelines to Accommodate a Road Upgrade by the County
Permit and Licence No. 14058
Application No. 1608963
Proceeding ID No. 2217**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608963 registered on October 29, 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* in Township 23, Range 5, west of the Fifth Meridian for the following:

- abandonment of lines 3, 12 and 15
- length amendment of Line 3

The proposed work is related to a minor abandonment of existing pipe within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 14058.

ATCO stated that it replaced 590 metres of its 60.3 millimetre West Bragg Creek Branch pipeline in the SW 13-23-05 W5 and 680 metres of the same line in SE 15-23-05 W5. The relocation was within the road plan of Township Road 232 in Rocky View County near Bragg Creek. The work was performed to accommodate an upgrade of the road by the county. This work was approved in delegated authority letter [DA2012-130](#),¹ issued on May 22, 2012. Construction commenced July 24, 2012 and was essentially completed on October 20, 2012.

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

¹ DA2012-130: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) Amendment to Accommodate Upgrading in Rocky View County, Application No. 1608451, Proceeding ID No. 1890, May 22, 2012.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved 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 landowner of the affected lands did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowner of the land upon which the project took place was likely directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the proposed 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.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment