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Attention: Kellen Westman, EIT
Project Leader, Pipeline Engineering

**Amendment to Accommodate Parks Canada Request to Relocate Regulating Station
Permit and Licence No. 625
Application No. 1608884
Proceeding ID No. 2178**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1608884 registered on October 3, 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 addition of a proposed pipeline (Line 82 – 0.13 kilometres of 60.3 millimetre outside-diameter pipeline) in Township 49, Range 27, west of the Fifth Meridian.

ATCO stated that Parks Canada has requested that ATCO move an existing pressure regulating facility from its current location next to the mainline, to a location approximately 130 metres closer to Highway 16. The existing regulating station is in a location near the Pocahontas Ponds that is subject to seasonal flooding and soft peat ground conditions that impair access.

ATCO proposed to install Line 82 within an existing ATCO distribution line right-of-way and to extend high pressure service to the new location of the regulating facility.

ATCO stated that a full environmental assessment has been completed with Parks Canada to ensure compliance with environmental regulations specific to the type of work required. The majority of the installation would be completed by way of a horizontal directional drill, with only small portions requiring an open trench. During trenching, the topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

ATCO's noise assessment indicates that the predicted sound levels would be below the permissible sound levels of AUC Rule 012: *Noise Control*.

ATCO stated that as a part of the environmental assessment, the need for a historical study was considered and deemed not necessary by the responsible authority, Parks Canada.

ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the construction activities.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance and is within an existing ATCO right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners of the affected land 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 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.

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

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

Attachment