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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

**Pipeline Split and Removal to Accommodate City of Edmonton Bridge Removal Project
Permit and Licence No. 20954
Application No. 1609014
Proceeding ID No. 2259**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South), by Application No. 1609014 registered on November 9, 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 24 west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting of Line 5 into lines 5, 12 and 13
- removal of Line 12
- abandonment of lines 5 and 13 under a future application
- length amendment of Line 5
- mapping amendment of Line 5
- mapping amendment of Line 9 (base map only)

The proposed work is related to a minor pipeline split and the removal of a portion of the existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 20954.

ATCO stated that the City of Edmonton has requested that ATCO Pipelines remove its 323 millimetre Rossdale transmission pipeline (Permit and Licence No. 20954) from the Walterdale Bridge within 02-32-052-24 W4M in preparation for its Walterdale Bridge removal project scheduled to begin in 2013. At this time, this pipeline branch does not have any load requirements, as all customers have either decommissioned their operations or are being serviced from the ATCO Gas intermediate pressure pipeline network fed from the north side of the North Saskatchewan River. The removal for this project is limited to only the pipeline currently suspended on the bridge, Line 12, to accommodate the City of Edmonton's request as soon as possible. A subsequent application will cover the abandonment of the remainder of this pipeline branch.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines. Historical Resources Act* clearance has been obtained from Alberta Culture.

ATCO stated that the pipeline will be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found will be removed and properly disposed of. The topsoil will be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances will be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

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 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 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.

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