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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 Request by CFB 4 Wing Cold Lake Permit and Licence No. 16958
Application No. 1609052
Proceeding ID No. 2262

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609052 registered on November 20, 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 abandonment of lines 1 and 2 in Township 63, Ranges 2 and 3, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the abandonment of the existing pipeline within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 16958.

ATCO stated that in September and October of 2012, ATCO Pipelines installed a new 88 millimetre pipeline lateral that replaced two existing 60 millimetre aluminum lines (lines 1 and 2). This project was initiated based on a request by CFB 4 Wing Cold Lake. Delegated Authority letter [DA2012-206](#)¹ was issued on July 27, 2012, for the installation of the 88 millimetre pipeline, the splitting of lines 1 and 2 and the removal of lines 3 and 4.

ATCO stated that these lines are both approximately 1.69 kilometres in length, and were abandoned as per AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* (AUC Rule 020) requirements. There were no watercourse crossings affected by the abandonment activities. Consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO Pipelines on June 11, 2012.

In its submission, 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 DA2012-206: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Amendment to Facilitate Proposed and Existing Military Training Areas, Application No. 1608650, Proceeding ID No. 2025, July 27, 2012.

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 and occupants 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 and occupants 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 stylized and somewhat cursive.

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

Attachment