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Attention: Brad Cann, P. Eng., Project Leader, Pipelines Engineering

Amendment to Accommodate the Abandonment of Line 5
Permit and Licence No. 9824
Application No. 1609087
Proceeding ID No. 2285

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609087 registered on November 30, 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 51, Range 20, west of the Fourth Meridian for:

- amending the stress level of Line 5 from 46 to 47
- splitting Line 5 into lines 5 and 16

ATCO stated that in June 2012, maintenance work was being planned on the 60.3-millimetre, aluminum pipeline lateral (Licence No. 9824, Line 5). During this process it was determined that the pipeline lateral had been previously disconnected from its north pipeline tie-in and that there was a 310-metre dead-end that should be abandoned in place. A subsequent application will be made to abandon Line 5.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the line split involves no ground disturbance, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the pipeline 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 adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed pipeline split.

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



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission