



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction

**Township 25, Rge. 1, west of the Fifth Meridian
Township 25, Rge. 29, west of the Fourth Meridian**

February 2, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-033: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

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1 Introduction

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment/addition to Permit and Licence No. 5895 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 33 into Lines 33, 147 and 148
- removal of Line 147
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 149 – 3.29 km of 406.4-mm OD pipe)
- Lines 33 and 148 remain in place

(the project).

2. The application was registered on January 19, 2011 as Application No. 1606944.

3. ATCO stated that the proposed pipeline installation and removal work was required to accommodate the planned Calgary Airport (YYC) Runway Expansion program. All work would be completed within the boundaries of Transport Canada owned/YYC administered land.

4. ATCO stated that an exemption from completing a Conservation and Reclamation plan was granted by the YYC for the pipeline relocation work because an extensive environmental impact assessment has already been prepared for the runway expansion project. Installation and removal operations are proposed to commence in 2011 upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

5. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be removed by excavating “bell holes” and pulling the existing pipeline out in sections. Any liquids contained in the pipe to be removed, would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. If necessary, the pipeline would be excavated, removed and the resultant trench backfilled. Topsoil would be stripped and stockpiled for the YYC at the YYC’s request.

2 Findings

6. The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. The Commission notes that a participant involvement program has been conducted by ATCO and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

7. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the project to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

3 Decision

8. Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment to Permit and Licence No. 5895 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 5895 – February 2, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 2, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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Commission Member