



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

New Construction

Townships 42 & 43, Ranges 25 & 26, west of the Fourth Meridian

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1 Introduction

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 2526, Permit and Licence No. 7029, Permit and Licence No. 7325 and Permit and Licence No. 14768 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 2526:

- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 123 – 0.02 kilometres (km) of 88.9 millimetre (mm) OD pipe).

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 7029:

- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 34 – 0.03 km of 60.3 mm OD pipe).

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 7325:

- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 2 – 0.01 km of 60.3 mm OD pipe).

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 14768:

- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 6 – 0.03 km of 60.3 mm OD pipe).

(the project).

2. The application was registered on January 24, 2011, as Application No. 1606949.

3. ATCO stated that the project is required to allow for the conversion of service to the new Southern Extension Pipeline and for future abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline. The proposed 88.9 mm (Licence No. 2526) and 60 mm (Licence No. 7029, Licence No. 7325 and Licence No. 14768) pipelines would tie-in to the new Southern Extension Pipeline and connect to existing laterals. These laterals are required to maintain service to existing customers. The new pipelines must be installed and tied-in to provide continuity of service to customers when the existing, vintage Southern Extension Pipeline is decommissioned and abandoned.

4. ATCO proposed to connect to existing above ground valve assemblies for the 88.9 mm (Licence No. 2526) and 60 mm (Licence No. 7029, Licence No. 7325 and Licence No. 14768)

from the new 219 mm Southern Extension Pipeline, which was constructed under Application 1605898, Decision [2010-170](#),¹ Licence No. 2526.

2 Findings

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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. 2526, Permit and Licence No. 7029, Permit and Licence No. 7325 and Permit and Licence No. 14768 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permits and licences as set out in Appendix 1 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 2526 – February 11, 2011; Appendix 2 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 7029 – February 11, 2011; Appendix 3 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 7325 – February 11, 2011; and Appendix 4 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 14768 – February 11, 2011 (Appendix 1, Appendix 2, Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 11, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Tudor Beattie, QC
Commission Member

¹ Decision 2010-170: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) New Construction – Replacement of ATCO Pipelines' Existing Southern Extension Pipeline From North of Lacombe to East of Gwynne, Application No. 1605898, Proceeding ID No. 498, April 15, 2010.