



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split and Removal

Township 21, Range 3, West of the Fifth Meridian

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The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-067: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

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Application No. 1607013

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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. 3658 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 1 into Lines 1, 2 and 3
- removal of Line 2
- Lines 1 and 3 remain in place

(project).

2. The application was registered on February 9, 2011, as Application No. 1607013.

3. ATCO stated that Devon Canada Corporation (Devon) has requested the removal of a portion of the abandoned line to allow for the reclamation of the land.

4. ATCO stated that as a part of the overall reclamation work that Devon is completing at this site, Devon would be cutting and capping the ends of Line 1 and Line 3. Line 2 would then be excavated and removed. All cutting, capping and removal work would be completed under the direct supervision of ATCO. Any liquids contained in the pipeline section to be removed would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

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. 3658 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split and Removal – Permit and Licence No. 3658 – February 18, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 18, 2011.

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(original signed by)

Tudor Beattie, QC.
Commission Member