



## **ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)**

**New Construction and Mapping Amendment**

**Calgary International Airport**

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## **1 Introduction**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed Application No. 1607132 with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) on March 23, 2011, seeking approval for an amendment 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:

- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 152 – 0.31 kilometres (km) of 219.1 millimetre (mm) OD Pipe)
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 153 – 0.22 km of 219.1 mm OD Pipe)
- mapping amendment to Line 151

(project).

2. ATCO stated that the proposed pipeline is required to accommodate the planned Calgary Airport Runway Expansion program. Due to the tight construction timelines associated with the Calgary Airport Runway Expansion program, the application for this relocation project has been broken up into two separate segments, Segment 1 and Segment 2. This application is for Segment 2 (1-21-25-29-W4M To 16-16-25-29-W4M) only. This segmentation would allow for the accommodation of City of Calgary's planned extension of Airport Trail which impacts 'Segment 2', while advancing the construction of Segment 1. ATCO filed the document stating that, subject to the conditions set out in their March 15, 2011 email, the City of Calgary had no objection to the installation of Segment 2. The permit for the installation of Segment 1 has been issued (Application No. 1607043). Segment 1 and Segment 2 would be connected and put into service before May 1, 2011.

3. ATCO stated that all work would be completed within the boundaries of federally-owned land which is administered by the Calgary Airport Authority. The Calgary Airport Authority is a federally-regulated body operating on both federally-owned and leased lands. As there currently are no regulations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) that require airport authorities to conduct environmental assessments, an assessment is not required for this relocation project. Installation operations were proposed to commence upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

4. ATCO also stated that as per their land agreement with the Calgary Airport Authority, in the event of the airport's expansion, ATCO would be responsible for the cost of the relocation of pipe.

5. In its submission, ATCO indicated that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain related to this application.

## 2 Findings

6. The Commission notes that the City of Calgary has provided their conditional non-objection to the installation of Segment 2.

7. The Commission has taken into account ATCO's submission that all work will be completed within the boundaries of federally-owned land administered by the Calgary Airport Authority, and not subject to regulations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The Commission is of the view that due to the location and scope of the project, environmental impacts are not an issue.

8. 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 finds that the new construction is necessary to accommodate the planned Calgary Airport Authority Runway Expansion program.

9. 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

10. 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 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – New Construction and Mapping Amendment – Permit and Licence No. 5895 – April 6, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 6, 2011.

### The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member