



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

**Amendment to Permit and Licence**

**April 18, 2011**



**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-158: 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 (AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 18044 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- decrease the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of Line 1 from 8890 kilopascal (kPa) to 7310 kPa
- add missing stress level for Line 1

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 6, 2011, as Application No. 1607176.

3. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licensed MOP between Line 1 of Licence 18044 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO License 17399 - Lines 1 and 9), which are in the process of being lowered to an MOP of 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 18044 Line 1 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*. No other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on this pipeline.

## **2 Findings**

4. The Commission finds that decreasing the MOP of the connected pipeline with the greater MOP is an acceptable means of meeting the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

5. The Commission has reviewed the application and determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

6. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the amendment 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. 18044 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 18044 – April 18, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 18, 2011.

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

Neil Jamieson  
Commission Member