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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. 25375 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- decrease in maximum operation pressure (MOP) from 8890 kilopascal (kPa) to 7310 kPa on Line 1
- decrease in MOP from 9930 kPa to 6890 kPa on Line 3
- decrease in MOP from 8890 kPa to 7310 kPa on Line 5
- amendment to the 'From Location' facility code of Line 1
- amendment to the 'From and To Location' facility codes of Line 3
- amend the Status of Line 4 to Abandoned

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 4, 2011, as Application No. 1607167. This application was amended on April 14, 2011.

3. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 1 of Licence 25375 and the connecting pipeline (ATCO Licence 25375-Line 5), which is in the process of having its' MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 25375-Line 1 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

4. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 3 of Licence 25375 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 13636-Lines 2, 6 and 11). A decrease in MOP to 6890 kPa on Licence 25375-Line 3 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

5. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 5 of Licence 25375 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 25375-Line 1 and ATCO Licence 18025-Line 1), which are all in the process of having their MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 25375-Line 5 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

6. ATCO also stated that no other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on these pipelines.

2 Findings

7. The Commission finds that decreasing the licenced MOP of the connected pipelines to the lower MOP is an acceptable means of meeting the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

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

9. 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

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 25375 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 25375 – April 20, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 20, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member