



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Amendment to Permit and Licence

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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. 39223 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- decrease in maximum operating pressure (MOP) from 8890 kilopascal (kPa) to 7310 kPa on Line 1
- amendment to the 'From Location' facility code in Permit and Licence No. 39223 to reflect the change from well to compressor station

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 1, 2011, as Application No. 1607161. 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 on Licence 39223 and the connecting pipelines on Licence 4464 Line 5, which is also in the process of being lowered to a MOP of 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Line 1 Licence 39223 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22 (2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

4. ATCO also stated that no other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on this pipeline.

2 Findings

5. The Commission finds that lowering the licenced 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*.

6. The Commission finds that the change in facility code is necessary to reflect the proposed operation and to accurately reflect the change in the pipeline data base.

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

8. 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

9. 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. 39223 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 39223 – April 20, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 20, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member