



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split

Township 53, Ranges 12 and 13, west of the Fifth Meridian

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The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-179: 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. 788 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 25 into Lines 25 and 141
- amendment to recorded stress level for Line 25 from zero to 56 per cent

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 18, 2011, as Application No. 1607207. The application was amended on April 20, 2011.

3. ATCO stated the split of Line 25 at the location of the block valve is required to reflect the pipeline system that will eventually become the custody point for the potential transfer of a portion of this pipeline. The line split is required in preparation for the potential transfer of a portion of the pipeline.

4. ATCO stated that the AUC approved, in principle, ATCO's request to proceed with integration of the Alberta Natural Gas Pipeline System with the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) System in Decision [2010-228](#).¹ In Decision 2010-228, the AUC directed ATCO to provide more information about the proposed asset swap. The information will be provided through a detailed application to be filed later in 2011. In preparation for the application later in 2011, ATCO must proceed with this line split in order to identify assets that will be included in the asset swap with NGTL.

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*.

6. In conformance with Decision 2010-228, the Commission finds that the pipeline split is necessary to identify assets that will be included in the asset swap with NGTL and allow for the transfer of a portion of the pipeline.

¹ Decision 2010-228: ATCO Pipelines 2010-2012 Revenue Requirement Settlement and Alberta System Integration, Application No. 1605226, Proceeding ID No. 223, May 27, 2010.

7. The Commission also finds that the amendment of the stress level is necessary to reflect the proposed operation and to accurately reflect the change in the pipeline database.
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. 788 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split – Permit and Licence No. 788 – April 27, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 27, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member