



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. 4464 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) for Lines 1, 2, 5 and 6 from 8890 kilopascals (kPa) to 7310 kPa
- add missing grade and stress level for Line 5

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 26, 2011, as Application No. 1607237.

3. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licensed MOP between Lines 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Permit and Licence No. 4464 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 17893 - Lines 1, ATCO Licence 2219 - Line 1, ATCO Licence 39223 - Line 1 and ATCO Licence 17701 - Line 2), which are at an MOP of 7310 kPa or are in the process of being lowered to an MOP of 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP for Lines 1, 2, 5 and 6 of License 4464 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 these pipelines.

2 Findings

4. The Commission finds that decreasing the 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*.

5. The Commission also finds that adding the missing pipe grade and stress level for Line 5 is necessary to reflect the actual operation in the pipeline database.

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

7. 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

8. 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. 4464 and grants the applicant the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 4464 – May 3, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 3, 2011.

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(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member