



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

**Pipeline Removal**

**Edmonton's Transportation Utilities Corridor**

**May 12, 2011**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-203: 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. 5136 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- removal of Line 1

(the project).

2. The application was registered on May 2, 2011, as Application No. 1607284.

3. ATCO stated that the customer located at LSD 5-6-54-24-W4M has disconnected their equipment from the pipeline due to the proposed Northwest Edmonton Ring Road construction. This customer was the only customer served by this pipeline. As a result, the pipeline is no longer required. The pipeline would be completely removed. This removal is part of a relocation program necessitated by the construction of the Northwest portion of the Edmonton Ring Road located within Edmonton's Transportation Utilities Corridor (TUC). This work is located outside of the TUC. The work would be fully paid for by Alberta Infrastructure as part of the P3 contract to construct the Northwest portion of the Edmonton Ring Road.

4. ATCO also stated that removal operations are proposed to commence in the summer of 2011 upon receipt of approval from the AUC. The pipeline would be removed by excavating bell holes and pulling the existing pipeline out in sections. If necessary, the pipeline would be excavated, removed, and the resultant trench backfilled. Any liquids contained in the pipeline to be removed would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. All disturbed areas would be reclaimed to the original condition before the removal took place.

5. In its submission, ATCO stated that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that there are no outstanding objections or concerns related to this application.

## **2 Findings**

6. The Commission considered ATCO's statement that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

7. 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*.

8. The Commission finds that the removal is necessary to facilitate the construction of the Northwest portion of the Edmonton Ring Road located within Edmonton's TUC.

9. Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the project 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 No. 5136 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Removal – Permit and Licence No. 5136 – May 12, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 12, 2011.

#### **The Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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Commission Member