



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split

Township 29, Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian

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The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-205: 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. 106 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 2 into Lines 2 and 62
- Lines 2 and 62 to remain in place

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on May 3, 2011, as Application No. 1607289. ATCO stated that AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* (AUC Rule 020) requires compliance with Section 82(1) of the *Alberta Pipeline Regulation*. As Line 2 has not actively flowed in the last 12 months, and there is no need to maintain this line as an operating pipeline, ATCO must abandon or discontinue the pipeline. The line split to Line 2 is required for the eventual discontinuation and abandonment of the pipeline. Line 2 would be discontinued in accordance with Section 6.8.3 of AUC Rule 020 with the understanding that the line may be brought back into service at a later date. Line 62 would be abandoned as per Section 6.8.4 of AUC Rule 020 as this portion of the line is no longer required as part of the gathering system. The discontinuation and abandonment of the pipeline would follow under a separate application once the field work has been completed.

2 Findings

3. The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020.

4. The Commission finds that the pipeline split is necessary to facilitate the eventual abandonment and discontinuation of Line 2.

5. 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

6. 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. 106 and grants ATCO the

amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split – Permit and Licence No. 106 – May 16, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 16, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member