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

- Decrease in maximum operation pressure (MOP) from 9650 kilopascals (kPa) to 8890 kPa on Line 11.
- Decrease in MOP from 9650 kPa to 8890 kPa on Line 13.
- Decrease in MOP from 8890 kPa to 7310 kPa on Line 36.
- Decrease in MOP from 9650 kPa to 8890 kPa on Line 37.
- Amendment to the 'To Location' and 'To Location' facility code of Line 23.
- Amendment to the 'To Location' facility code and Wall Thickness of Line 36.

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 27, 2011, as Application No. 1607242.

3. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 11 of licence 118 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 118-Lines 37 and 13 and ATCO Licence 6450-Line 6), which are at an MOP of 8890 kPa or are in the process of having their MOP lowered to 8890 kPa. A decrease in MOP on licence 118-Line 11 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

4. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 13 of licence 118 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 118-Lines 11 and 37), which are in the process of being lowered to an MOP of 8890 kPa. A decrease in MOP to 8890 kPa on licence 118-Line 13 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

5. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 36 of licence 118 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 18025-Line 1 and ATCO Licence 17399-Line 1), which are all in the process of having their MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on licence 118-Line 36 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

6. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 37 of licence 118 and the connecting pipelines (ATCO Licence 118-Lines 11, 13, 40 and 43), which are at an MOP of 8890 kPa or are in the process of having

their MOP lowered to 8890 kPa. A decrease in MOP on licence 118-Line 37 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

7. ATCO also stated that no other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on these pipelines.

2 Findings

8. The Commission finds that decreasing the licenced 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*.

9. The Commission also finds that the additional record amendments in the pipeline database listed above are necessary to reflect the actual operation.

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

11. 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

12. 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. 118 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 118 – May 12, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 12, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Neil Jamieson
Commission Member