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The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-209: 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. 4464 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 6 into Lines 6 and 9
- Lines 6 and 9 to remain in place
- amend “To Location” facility code from WE (well) to PL (pipeline) on Line 9

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on May 3, 2011, as Application No. 1607290.

3. 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 a portion of Line 6 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 of Line 6 is required for the eventual abandonment of Line 6 as a portion of the line would remain operational as Line 9. Once the line is split, the portion of line remaining as Line 6 would be abandoned as per Section 6.8.4 of AUC Rule 020 requirements as this portion of line is no longer required as part of the gathering system. The abandonment of Line 6 would follow under a separate application once the field work has been completed.

2 Findings

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

5. The Commission finds that the pipeline split is necessary to facilitate the eventual abandonment of Line 6.

6. The Commission also finds that amending the “To Location” facility code from WE (well) to PL (pipeline) on Line 9 is necessary to reflect the actual operation in the pipeline database.

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 ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split – Permit and Licence No. 4464 – May 16, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 16, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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