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Alberta Utilities Commission

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Discontinuation

Township 9, Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian

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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. 12975 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- discontinuation of Line 1

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on May 4, 2011, as Application No. 1607296.

3. ATCO stated that the existing ATCO 88.9 mm Picture Butte Asphalt Lateral Pipeline was installed in 1988 to supply high pressure (HP) natural gas to an asphalt plant. The pipeline was installed from 13-25-09-22 W4M to 13-24-09-22 W4M and is approximately 1.59 kilometers in length. The asphalt plant is currently not being operated by the customer. The customer has expressed interest in not abandoning the line at this time as they may have a future requirement for HP gas service.

4. ATCO stated that the discontinuation was completed on March 10, 2011. The pipeline has been physically isolated from any operating facility, purged with air and cathodic protection has been maintained; therefore, changing the status of the pipeline to “Discontinued” status.

2 Findings

5. 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*.

6. The Commission finds that the pipeline discontinuation is necessary to allow for the possible resumption of gas service to an asphalt plant in the future.

7. The Commission also notes the submission by ATCO that the pipeline was discontinued in accordance with AUC requirements.

8. 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

9. 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. 12975 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Discontinuation – Permit and Licence No. 12975 – May 17, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 17, 2011.

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