



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

**Pipeline Split and Removal**

**Townships 38 and 39, Range 27, west of the Fourth Meridian**

**May 27, 2011**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-229: 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. 2526 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 47 into Lines 47, 131 and 132
- removal of Line 131
- Lines 47 and 132 to remain in place
- length amendment to Line 47

(the project).

2. The application was registered on May 11, 2011, as Application No. 1607316.

3. ATCO stated that the City of Red Deer has requested that ATCO remove a 130 metre (m) portion of abandoned pipeline to allow for the development of Highway 11A. The cost of the removal would be paid by the City of Red Deer.

4. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. Open trenching would be used for the pipeline removal. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

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

## **2 Findings**

6. 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*.

7. The Commission notes that the City of Red Deer has requested ATCO to remove a 130 m portion of abandoned pipeline.

8. The Commission finds that the pipeline split and removal are necessary to accommodate the development of Highway 11A within the City of Red Deer.

9. The Commission notes that the cost of removal would be paid for by the City of Red Deer.
10. The Commission notes the ATCO submission that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain related to this application.
11. 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**

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. 2526 for the project and grants the applicant the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split and Removal – Permit and Licence No. 2526 – May 27, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 27, 2011.

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

*(original signed by)*

Mark Kolesar  
Commission Member