



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Amendment to Permit and Licence

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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. 28523 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- Decrease the maximum operating pressure (MOP) for Line's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 from 11720 kilopascal (kPa) to 10130 kPa.
- Amendment to "Outside Diameter" from 323.8 mm to 323.9 mm for Line 9.
- Amendment to "Wall Thickness" from 8.38 mm to 8.4 mm for Line 9.

(the amendment)

2. The application was registered on April 27, 2011, as Application No. 1607244.
3. In response to an information request ATCO stated that in order to ensure compliance with Section 22(2) of Alberta Regulations 91/2005, *Pipeline Regulation*, it is necessary to amend the MOP of pipeline Licence 28523 to 10130 kPa.
4. In response to an information request, ATCO stated that the pipelines in the Carbon Field system will be sold to ATCO Midstream as part of the disposition approved in Decision [2011-019](#).¹ Prior to that decision, the Commission approved the removal of these assets, amongst others, from utility service in Decision [2009-253](#).² This pipeline licence application represents a technical correction required in advance of the transfer of this asset to ATCO Midstream as approved in Decision 2011-19.
5. ATCO also stated no other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on these pipelines.

2 Findings

6. The Commission finds that decreasing the 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*.

¹ Decision 2011-019: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) Delete Pipelines from Licence, Reductions in Maximum Operating Pressure, Pipeline Split, and Record Corrections – Amendment to Reflect Accurate Information on the Pipelines Licence, Application No. 1606856, Proceeding ID No. 1017, January 17, 2011.

² Decision 2009-253: ATCO Gas South, Review and Variance Proceeding of Decision 2009-004 and Decision 2009-067 (Removal of Carbon Related Assets from Utility Service), Application No. 1605365, Proceeding ID No. 281, December 16, 2009.

7. The Commission finds that the change in the “Outside Diameter” of Line 9 from 323.8 mm to 323.9 mm and the “Wall Thickness” of Line 9 from 8.38 mm to 8.4 mm are necessary to accurately reflect the operation in the pipeline database.
8. 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*.
9. 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

10. 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. 28523 and grants ATCO the amended permit or licence as set out in Appendix 1– Permit and Licence No. 28523 – May 26, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 26, 2011

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(original signed by)

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Commission Member