



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

**New Construction**

**Townships 45 and 46, Ranges 22 and 23, west of the Fourth Meridian**

**May 27, 2011**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-231: 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 seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 2526 and to Permit and Licence No. 6929 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 2526:

- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 133 – 0.03 kilometres (km) of 114.3 millimetre (mm) OD pipe)
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 134 – 0.03 km of 114.3 mm OD pipe)
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 135 – 0.02 km of 60.3 mm OD pipe)

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 6929:

- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 8 – 0.06 km of 60.3 mm OD pipe)

(the project).

2. The application was registered on May 11, 2011, as Application No. 1607318.

3. ATCO stated that the project is required to allow for the conversion of service to the new Southern Extension replacement pipeline and future abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension pipeline. The proposed 114.3 mm and 60.3 mm pipelines would tie in to the new Southern Extension pipeline and connect to existing laterals. These laterals are required to maintain service to existing customers. The new pipelines must be installed and tied in to prevent loss of customers when the existing vintage Southern Extension pipeline is decommissioned and abandoned. The abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension pipeline would be applied for under a separate application upon completion of the project.

4. ATCO proposed to connect to existing above ground valve assemblies for the 114.3 mm laterals (Licence 2526) and 60 mm laterals (Licence 2526 and Licence 6929) from the new 219 mm Southern Extension replacement pipeline, which was constructed under Application No. 1605898, Decision [2010-170](#),<sup>1</sup> Permit and License No. 2526.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2010-170: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) New Construction Replacement of ATCO Pipelines' Existing Southern Extension Pipeline From North of Lacombe to East of Gwynne, Application No. 1605898, Proceeding ID No. 498, April 15, 2010.

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 ATCO's submission that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain related to this application.

8. The Commission finds that the new construction is necessary to accommodate the replacement of the Southern Extension pipeline which is nearing the end of its useful life.

9. 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**

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. 2526 and Permit and Licence No. 6929 for the project and grants ATCO amended permits and licences as set out in Appendix 1 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 2526 and Appendix 2 – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 6929 – May 27, 2011 (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 will be distributed separately).

Dated on May 27, 2011.

### **The Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Commission Member