



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction

Township 25, Range 1, west of the Fifth Meridian

June 8, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-252: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

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Application No. 1607335

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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. 5895 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 87 into Lines 87, 154 and 155
- removal of Line 154
- addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 156 – 0.15 kilometres of 406.4 millimetre (mm) outside diameter pipe).
- Lines 87 and 155 to remain in place
- mapping amendment

(the project).

2. The application was registered on May 20, 2011, as Application No. 1607335.

3. ATCO stated that a third party, Oxford Properties, requested ATCO to lower 145 metres (m) of the 406 mm Jumping Pound West Transmission pipeline to facilitate grading work in the area. Oxford Properties would be responsible for 100 per cent of the actual costs associated with this work.

4. ATCO proposed to proceed with the installation of a new 147 m long 406 mm pipeline (line 156). It would be installed within the existing right-of-way, paralleling the original pipeline approximately 4 m to the south. The original 145 m section of pipeline (line 154) would be completely removed.

5. ATCO stated that any liquids found within the pipeline section to be removed would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

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

2 Findings

7. The Commission considered ATCO's statement that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

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. The Commission finds that the pipeline split, removal and new construction are necessary to facilitate grading work in the area.
10. 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

11. 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. 5895 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 5895 – June 8, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 8, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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Commission Member