



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Abandonment

Township 39, Range 27, West of the Fourth Meridian

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The Alberta Utilities Commission

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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. 3832, pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, for the following:

- Abandonment of Line 1.

(the project).

2. The application was registered on June 15, 2011, as Application No. 1607409.

3. ATCO stated that the project is a part of the abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline subsequent to the conversion of gas service to the new Southern Extension Pipeline. Gas service from the existing 60.3-millimetre (mm) pipeline would be replaced with service from the existing gas distribution system.

4. 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 relating to this application.

5. In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and that the surface site would be reclaimed within one year.

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 to this application.

8. The Commission also notes ATCO's submission that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and that the surface site would be reclaimed within one year.

9. The Commission finds that the pipeline abandonment is necessary for the conversion of service to the new Southern Extension Pipeline and abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline.

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. 3832 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in the Appendix 1 – Pipeline Abandonment – Permit and Licence No. 3832 – June 23, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 23, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member