



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

**Pipeline Split**

**Townships 26 and 27, Range 40 West of the Fourth Meridian**

**June 27, 2011**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-282: 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 7205 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- Splitting Line 4 into Lines 4 and 21.
- Lines 4 and 21 to remain in place.

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on June 15, 2011 as Application No. 1607410.

3. ATCO stated that pipeline split 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. Once the line is split, the portion of line remaining as Line 4 would be abandoned and Line 21 would remain in service to an existing regulating station from the new Southern Extension Replacement Pipeline. No new materials are expected to be required for this work. The abandonment of Line 4 would follow under a separate application once the field work has been completed.

## 2 Findings

4. 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*.

5. The Commission finds that the pipeline split is necessary to facilitate the continuation of service to an existing regulating station from the new Southern Extension Replacement Pipeline and the eventual abandonment of Line 4 and the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline.

6. 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

7. 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 7205 and grants the applicant the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split – Permit and Licence No. 7205 – June 27, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 27, 2011.

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Commission Member