



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split and Abandonment

Townships 39, 40 and 41, Ranges 26 and 27, West of the Fourth Meridian

June 29, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-284: 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 No. 2526 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- Splitting Line 55 into Lines 55 and 136.
- Abandonment of Lines 8, 15, 28, 35, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122 and 125.
- Amendment to the 'From Location' LSD of Line 15.
- Add missing Environment code to Line 8.
- Length amendment of Line 15.
- Mapping amendment for Lines 15, 72, 73, 94 and 120.

(the project).

2. The application was registered on June 16, 2011, as Application No. 1607413.

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.

4. 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.

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 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 finds that the project is a necessary part of abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline.

8. The Commission also finds that the mapping and record amendments are necessary to reflect the actual operation in the pipeline database and on the base maps.

9. 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.

10. 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 the surface site would be reclaimed within one year.

11. 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

12. 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 for the project and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split and Abandonment – Permit and Licence No. 2526 – June 29, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 29, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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Commission Member