



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

**Amendment to Permit and Licence**

**July 5, 2011**



**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-292: 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. 25375 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to decrease the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of Line 2 from 9930 kilopascals (kPa) to 6890 kPa (the amendment).

2. The application was registered on June 17, 2011, as Application No. 1607419.

3. ATCO stated that a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licensed MOP between Line 2 of Permit and Licence No. 25375 and the connecting pipeline (ATCO Licence No. 25375 - Line 3), which has a MOP of 6890 kPa. A decrease in MOP for Line 2 of Permit and Licence No. 25375 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*. No other companies would be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on this pipeline.

4. Due to the nature of the application, a notice of application was not issued and, therefore, a hearing was not required as the Commission considered that its decision or order would not directly and adversely affect the rights of a person pursuant to Section 9 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

## **2 Findings**

5. The Commission has reviewed the application and determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

6. The Commission finds that decreasing the MOP of the connected pipelines to the lower MOP is an acceptable means of meeting the requirements of Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

7. 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**

8. 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. 25375 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline - Amendment – Permit and Licence No. 25375 – July 5, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 5, 2011.

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

Anne Michaud  
Commission Member