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Township 40, Range 27, West of the Fourth Meridian

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The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-328: 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. 7205 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- abandonment of Line 4

(the project).

2. The application was registered on July 18, 2011, as Application No. 1607503.

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 considered ATCO's submission that a participant involvement program has been conducted and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

7. 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*.

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

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. 7205 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Permit and Licence No. 7205 – July 28, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 28, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

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Commission Member