



ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Removal

Township 38, Range 27, West of the Fourth Meridian

August 5, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

Decision 2011-334: 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. 4719 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- removal of Line 1

(the project).

2. The application was registered as Application No. 1607529 on July 25, 2011.

3. ATCO stated that the existing 26.7 millimetre pipeline was installed to supply natural gas to a low pressure distribution system in Edmonton, Alberta. This low pressure distribution system has been linked to another source rendering Line 1 obsolete. The high pressure riser is operating and extends above ground on the front-lawn of a local business owner. The riser now poses a safety hazard and should be removed as it could be struck by nearby traffic. The 10 metre underground lateral is required to be removed as per request of the land owners.

4. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquid prior to construction and any liquid found would be removed and properly disposed of. Open trenching would be used for the removal of the pipeline. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

5. ATCO stated that construction operation is limited to normal daytime working hours and is entirely contained within Border Paving Ltd's property (the affected landowners). Therefore, no other parties are required to be notified.

6. 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*.

7. In its submission, ATCO stated that the requirements of the consultation and notification program were met and that no outstanding objections or concerns remain in regards to the application.

2 Findings

8. 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.

9. 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*.

10. The Commission finds that the pipeline removal is necessary to accommodate the landowner request since the pipeline is no longer in use.

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. 4719 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Removal – Permit and Licence No. 4719 – August 5, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on August 5, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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Commission Member