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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. 20102 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 11 – 0.07 kilometres (km) of 88.9 millimetre (mm) outside-diameter (OD) pipe

(the project).

2. The application was registered on August 17, 2011, as Application No. 1607594.

3. ATCO proposed to construct an 88 mm pipeline lateral to provide high-pressure natural gas service to a new customer who has signed a contract with ATCO Pipelines. The expenditures associated with the installation of this project would be supported by a capital contribution from the customer. The proposed 70 metre (230 feet), 88 mm (3") diameter pipeline would originate at a tie-in point from ATCO Pipelines' existing 114 mm (4") House Mountain Transmission Pipeline (License 20102, Line 10) at legal subdivision (LSD) 02-06-067-10-W5M, and terminate at a proposed metering station (MS as per Table 8.9 in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*) in the same LSD. The proposed metering station would be built to measure the gas being supplied to the customer.

4. ATCO stated that the station would be located directly adjacent to an existing miscible injection facility and would provide process load at line pressure (no pressure cut) without flow restriction. A noise impact assessment was not completed as the noise that would be generated by this facility is anticipated to be negligible and is expected to be equivalent to that of an above-ground valve assembly. The nearest private residence was measured at approximately 6,500 metres from the proposed facility. The proposed pipeline and associated metering station would be installed in a right-of-way and lease site agreed to by ATCO and the plant site owner.

5. ATCO stated that excavation and trenching would be done in accordance with Alberta Environment protection guidelines, and standard soil conservation and reclamation procedures would be followed.

6. 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

7. 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.

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. 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*.

10. The Commission finds that the project is necessary provide high-pressure natural gas service to a new customer.

11. The Commission considers the submission by ATCO regarding noise generated by the proposed meter station to be reasonable and acceptable and satisfies Section 3.2 (3) of AUC Rule 012: *Noise Control*.

12. 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

13. 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. 20102 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 20102 – August 26, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on August 26, 2011.

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Tudor Beattie, QC
Commission Member