



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

**New Construction**

**Township 43, Range 25, West of the Fourth Meridian**

**August 29, 2011**

**The Alberta Utilities Commission**

Decision 2011-356: 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:

- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 143 – 0.02 kilometres of 60.3 millimetre (mm) outside-diameter pipe).

(the project).

2. The application was registered on August 18, 2011, as Application No. 1607599.

3. ATCO proposed to construct a 60 mm pipeline lateral in order to provide high pressure natural gas service to a new customer who has signed a transportation agreement with ATCO. The expenditures associated with the installation of this project would be supported by a capital contribution from the customer. The proposed 20 metre (65 foot), 60 mm (2 inch) diameter pipeline would originate at a tie-in point on ATCO's existing 219 mm (8 inch) Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline (Permit and Licence No. 2526, Line 99) at 03-22-043-25-W4M and terminate at a proposed AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas) station in the same LSD. The new metering station will supply development in the Ponoka region.

4. ATCO stated that the noise impact of the proposed facility was assessed by AltaGas as part of their permit application process. Two applications were submitted to the AUC; Application No. 1607360 and Application No. 1607488. Both applications have been approved by the AUC. The proposed pipeline would be installed in an existing ATCO right-of-way and a lease site belonging to AltaGas.

5. 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**

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. 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*.

8. 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*.

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

10. The Commission considered the submission by ATCO that the construction of the new meter station by AltaGas has been approved by the AUC.

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 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 2526 – August 29, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on August 29, 2011.

### **The Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Commission Member