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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. 5895 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- splitting Line 145 into Lines 145, 157 and 158
- removal of Line 157
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 159 – 0.80 kilometres (km) of 406.4 millimetre (mm) outside-diameter (OD) pipe

(the project).

2. The application was registered on August 25, 2011, as Application No. 1607613.

3. ATCO stated that Genesis Land Development (Genesis) requested the pipeline be relocated from its current alignment parallel to 68th Street N.E. in the city of Calgary in order to accommodate a residential development. The proposed alignment is within the 68th Street N.E. road allowance which would be closed and converted to a public utility lot prior to construction of the pipeline. Genesis would reimburse ATCO Pipelines for 100 per cent of the project costs.

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

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 accommodate a residential development.

10. 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**

11. 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. 5895 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction – Permit and Licence No. 5895 – August 31, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on August 31, 2011.

### **The Alberta Utilities Commission**

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Tudor Beattie, QC  
Commission Member