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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. 1828 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- removal of Pipeline Installation No. 1 (compressor station)

(the project).

2. The application was registered as Application No. 1607904 on November 23, 2011.

3. ATCO stated that the compressor was installed in 1971 by ATCO (Northwestern Utilities Limited at the time). The site is owned (fee simple) by ATCO. In 1991, ATCO determined that this compressor installation was no longer required and it has not operated since that time.

4. ATCO stated that they are now proceeding with a site reclamation program. A Phase 1 environmental site assessment (ESA)¹ has been completed and a Phase 2 ESA is now underway. Completion of the Phase 2 ESA will require the removal of some buildings and equipment to facilitate soil sampling.

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 considered ATCO's submission of a Phase 1 ESA as evidence supporting its commitment to obtain a reclamation certification. The Commission expects ATCO to remediate and reclaim this site as indicated in the application and to obtain a reclamation certificate in a timely fashion.

¹ Exhibit 0005.00.ATCO-1585.

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 removal is necessary since the compressor station is no longer required and has not operated since 1991.
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. 1828 and grants ATCO the amended permit and licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline - Compressor Removal – Permit and Licence No. 1828 – December 7, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on December 7, 2011.

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(original signed by)

Tudor Beattie, QC
Commission Member