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September 19, 2011

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Amendment to accommodate a landowner's development plans
Permit and Licence No. 4831– September 19, 2011 Amendment
Application No. 1607665
Proceeding ID No. 1440****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607665 registered on September 13, 2011, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in Township 52, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Removal of Line 1.
- Mapping correction of Line 1.

(the project)

The proposed work is related to a minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 4831.

ATCO stated that the local distribution company has consolidated the load to another distribution system and that the high pressure pipeline is no longer required. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be removed since it would otherwise interfere with the landowner's development plans, and that the landowner would be responsible for the cost of removal.

ATCO also stated that the pipe would be removed by excavating a catch pit and digging bell holes along the pipeline. The pipeline would be cut and pulled into the catch pit. An attempt would be made to minimize surface disturbances. Any liquids contained in the pipe to be removed would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

The Commission notes that ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the minor pipeline project. Since the minor pipeline project involves no significant ground disturbance, and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The Commission notes that the owner of the affected lands did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person other than the owner of the land upon which the pipeline project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed pipeline project.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment