

**DA 2011-83**

October 5, 2011

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle  
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

**Abandonment of pipeline no longer required due to pipeline system upgrades  
Permit and Licence No. 8845 – October 5, 2011 Amendment  
Application No. 1607690  
Proceeding ID No. 1474**

**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607690 registered on September 23, 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 19, Range 14, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Abandonment of Line 2.
- Length amendment to Line 2.

The proposed work is related to a minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 8845.

ATCO stated that since upgrades have been made to the pipeline system, the pipeline was abandoned as it is no longer required.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface site would be reclaimed within one year.

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 landowners and occupants 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 landowners and occupants 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Vienneau". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wade Vienneau  
Executive Director, Facilities Division

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment