

DA 2011-122

November 14, 2011

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk**Abandonment of Pipeline
Highway 2A and Highway 604 Intersection
Permit and Licence No. 14653 and No. 14768 – November 14, 2011 Amendment
Application No. 1607860
Proceeding ID No. 1561****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607860 registered on November 3, 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 42, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- abandonment of Line 3 of Permit and Licence No. 14653
- abandonment of Line 4 of Permit and Licence No. 14768

(the project)

The proposed work is related to a minor abandonment of existing pipe previously constructed and operating within the original right-of-way in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 14653 and No. 14768.

ATCO stated that since upgrades have been made to the intersection of Highway 2A and Highway 604, the pipelines were abandoned as they were no longer required.

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

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 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 permits and licences are attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Popowich". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Don Popowich, P.Eng.
Director, Facilities Division

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments