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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Lance Radke, P.Eng.
Group Leader, Pipelines Engineering**MOP Reduction Due to Decrease in Demand on the Pipelines
Application No. 1607893
Proceeding ID No. 1584****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607893 registered on November 18, 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:

- Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 3461:
 - Amendment of the maximum operating pressure (MOP) of Lines 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Township 52, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian, from 3,450 kilopascals (kPa) to 2,068 kPa.
 - Amendment of the 'To Location' facility code of Line 6 from pipeline to regulating station.
- Pertaining to Permit and Licence 5029:
 - Amendment of the maximum operating pressure of Lines 1, 5 and 6 in Townships 51 and 52, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian, from 3,450 kPa to 2,068 kPa.

ATCO stated that due to decreased demand on the pipelines operating under licence numbers 3461 and 5029, it is no longer necessary to maintain the MOP as originally licenced. ATCO is, therefore, applying to reduce the MOP on the licences from 3,450 kPa down to 2,068 kPa. Overpressure protection has been considered for both upstream and downstream locations, and no additional equipment would be required to facilitate this MOP change. The upstream regulating equipment currently operates at 2,068 kPa, therefore, no changes would be required. No connecting pipelines would be affected by the change in MOP. No other companies, watercourse crossings or other types of crossings would be adversely affected by the MOP decrease. Upon approval of the MOP change, ATCO would remove a single relief valve that is currently used for overpressure protection on this pipeline. This relief valve would no longer be required due to the MOP change.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the minor pipeline project. Since the minor pipeline project does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

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

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licences are attached.

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Director Facilities

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission