

**DA 2011-151**

December 16, 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 Lacombe County's TWP 412 Road Widening  
Permit and Licence No. 7029 – December 16, 2011 Amendment  
Application No. 1607974  
Proceeding ID No. 1617****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1607974 registered on December 12, 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 41, Ranges 26 and 27, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- Splitting Line 7 into Lines 7, 35, 36 and 37.
- Splitting Line 18 into Lines 18, 38, 39 and 40.
- Removal of Lines 18, 36 and 39.
- Lines 7, 35, 37, 38 and 40 will remain operating.

(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. 7029.

ATCO stated that in order to accommodate Lacombe County's township 412 road widening, the local distribution company (ATCO Gas) has consolidated all the loads from the 42 millimetre and 60 millimetre high pressure pipelines to an existing tap at the west end of the proposed Line 7.

ATCO's project is to abandon the 42 millimetre pipeline from its mainline tie-in at 16-9-41-26-W4 to the end of the line at 16-10-41-27-W4. A 250 metre section (Line 18) and a 1,100 metre section (Line 39) of the 42 millimetre pipeline would also be removed. The 60 millimetre pipeline would be abandoned from 15-9-41-26-W4 to the end of the line at 16-12-41-27-W4. A 250 metre section (Line 36) of the 60 millimetre pipeline would be removed. Lines 36 and 18 would be removed as they are in interference with the county's proposed road. A 500 metre portion of Line 39 would also be removed as it is in interference with the county's plan to use material from this location as fill at other locations of the proposed road widening. The remaining 600 metres of Line 39 would be removed as a result of landowner negotiations.

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.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the 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 project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

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



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission