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1 INTRODUCTION

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (the Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 34093 for the following:

- Mapping correction of Lines 10 and 3
- Splitting Line 10 into Lines 10, 12, and 13
- Removal of Line 12
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 14 – 120 m of 406.4mm OD pipe)

(the Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on February 9, 2010, as Application 1605886 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to accommodate Shell's request to replace a segment of the existing 406mm OD pipeline with heavy wall pipe to ensure line safety. Shell is proposing to construct a "heavy haul road" on top of the existing pipeline at the Albian Sands mine site.

3 DISCUSSION

4. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in *AUC Rule 020*. The Commission notes that a participant involvement program has been conducted by the Applicant and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

5. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary for the construction of a heavy haul road in the Albian Sands mine site, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

6. Therefore, pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 34093 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline: Pipeline Split, Replacement and Mapping Correction – Permit/Licence No. 34093 – February 22, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 22, 2010.

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Thomas McGee
Commissioner