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**1 INTRODUCTION**

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) seeking approval for an addition to Permit/Licence 37681 for the addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 20 -3.95 kilometres (km) of 97 mm OD pipe) to provide natural gas service to Baytex Energy's thermal pilot plant in 5-15-084-17 W5 (the Project).
2. The application was registered on February 9, 2010 as Application 1605891 (the Application).
3. The Applicant stated that the addition of a pipeline is necessary to provide natural gas service to Baytex Energy's thermal pilot plant in 5-15-084-17 W5.
4. The Applicant indicated that it met the consultation and notification requirements under Commission Rule 20 – *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* (Commission Rule 20). All landowners and occupants were provided written notification of the proposed construction, including a general description of the Project and above-ground facilities. The Applicant indicated that no outstanding objections or concerns were presented by any landowners or occupants. The Crown also provided written confirmation of its non-objection to the Project.
5. The Applicant has indicated that the meter station associated with the proposed pipeline will be insulated to provide noise mitigation. The station is a small flow design and a noise-free line heater will be installed. As a result, a noise impact is not anticipated. The Applicant has also stated that the nearest residence is five (5) km from the newly proposed pipeline.
6. An information request was sent to the Applicant on February 12, 2010 asking the Applicant to confirm that the predicted noise level of the proposed meter station associated with the proposed pipeline in the Application would comply with the Permissible Sound Level specified in *Commission Rule 012 – Noise Control* (Commission Rule 012). On February 12, 2010, the Applicant confirmed that the predicted noise level of the meter station would comply with the Permissible Sound Level in Commission Rule 012.

**2 COMMISSION FINDINGS**

7. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in *Commission Rule 020*. The Commission observes that a participant involvement program has been conducted by the Applicant and that there are no outstanding

public or industry objections or concerns. Since it is apparent that no persons will be directly or adversely affected by the Project, the Commission did not issue a Notice of Application.

8. The Commission further accepts that the noise level of the proposed meter station will comply with Commission Rule 012. The Commission notes that there appear to be no environmental impacts or potential impacts on landowners or residents, as the nearest residence is five (5) km from the proposed Project.

9. As the Project is necessary to provide natural gas service to Baytex Energy's thermal pilot plant in 5-15-084-17 W5, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

### **3 DECISION**

10. Therefore, pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the addition to Permit/Licence 37681 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline: New Pipeline Construction – Permit/Licence No. 37681 – February 22, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on February 22, 2010.

### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Thomas McGee  
Commissioner