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1 INTRODUCTION

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit/Licence 1535 for the following:

- Splitting Line 6 into Lines 6, 19 and 20;
- Splitting Line 14 into Lines 14, 21, 22, 23 and 24;
- Removal of Lines 19, 21 and 23; and
- Length correction of Line 14

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on April 29, 2010 as Application 1606139 (Application). Information requests from the Commission regarding reasons for and methods of pipeline removal were sent to the applicant on May 6, 2010. The Applicant provided responses to these information requests on May 25, 2010.

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment is necessary to accommodate the requests of a landowner in one area. In other areas, the Applicant stated that the pipeline removal is necessary where it is currently exposed and from casings under a railway crossing and highway crossing. The casings will then be grouted to prevent the possibility of future subsidence under the railway and highway crossings.

4. The Applicant stated in responses to information requests that, if found to be present, liquids will be disposed of in accordance with *ERCB Directive 58 – Oilfield Waste Management Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry*.

3 DISCUSSION

5. 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.

6. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to accommodate the request of a landowner and to remove safety hazards, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

7. Pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment to Permit/Licence 1535 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Splits, Removals and Record Correction – Permit/Licence No. 1535 – June 3, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 3, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner