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**ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. (SOUTH)
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REMOVE PIPELINE TO ACCOMMODATE
HIGHWAY 43 CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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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 15122 for the following:

- Splitting Line 10 into Lines 10 and 25;
- Removal of Line 25

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on May 7th, 2010 as Application 1606188 (Application).

3. The applicant has stated that ATCO Gas and ATCO Pipelines must relocate a farm tap unit and riser to accommodate Highway 43 construction. ATCO Pipelines will be removing approximately 630m of a 60.3mm pipeline from the existing farm tap unit to its proposed location, which is 630m farther north along Range Road 94.

4. The Applicant stated in responses to information requests that based on future development in the area and since the pipeline is within 30 metres of Range Road 94, the entire 630m long section of pipeline will be removed. This scope of work has been approved by Alberta Transportation, who will fully reimburse ATCO Pipelines for all project costs.

5. The applicant also stated that the pipeline will be removed using an open trench. The pipeline is not being removed for environmental reasons, and upon completion of the removal, ATCO Pipelines will reclaim the surface disturbance using a plan approved by the landowner.

3 DISCUSSION

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

7. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to facilitate the proposed Highway 43 construction and future development, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

8. 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 15122 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split and Removal – Permit/Licence No.15122 – June 8, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 8, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Thomas McGee
Commissioner