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RECONSTRUCTION OF 82ND STREET

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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/addition to Permit/Licence 3656 for the following:
 - Removal of line 1; and
 - Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 2-0.01 kilometers (km) of 60.3-mm OD pipe)

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2. The application was registered on June 7, 2010 as Application 1606268 (Application).
- 3. The Applicant stated that approximately 90 metres (m) of 42-mm diameter pipeline will be removed and 10m of 60mm diameter pipeline will be installed as part of a farm tap and riser relocation project. The new farm tap unit and riser will be located approximately 30 m west of the existing one and will be within the new 82nd Street road allowance as granted by Sturgeon County. The relocation work is required to facilitate the proposed reconstruction of 82nd Street and will be paid for by Sturgeon County. The techniques that will be used to remove the existing 42-mm OD pipeline include exposing the pipeline via open trench, cutting the pipe into sections, and removing and disposing of the pipe as per ATCO Pipelines standards. The area disturbed during the removal will be reclaimed to the satisfaction of the landowner and government authorities. There are no additional environmental concerns or watercourse crossings associated with this project. All landowner notifications requirements have been met as per AUC *Rule 20*.

3 DISCUSSION

- 4. 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 participation 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 to accommodate reconstruction of 82nd Street, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

6. 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 3656 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Removal and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 3656 – June 15, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 15, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Thomas McGee Commissioner