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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 2594 for the following:

- Splitting Line 178 into Lines 178, 243, 244, 245 and 246;
- Splitting Line 182 into Lines 182, 248, 249, 250 and 251;
- Splitting Line 217 into Lines 217, 253 and 254;
- Removal of Lines 243, 245, 248, 250 and 253;
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 247 – 0.51km of 219.1mm OD pipe);
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 252 – 0.51km of 323.9mm OD pipe);
- and
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 255 – 0.64km of 406.4mm OD pipe)

(Project).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on June 14, 2010 as Application 1606280 (Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition is necessary to accommodate construction of the Northwest portion of the ring road located within Edmonton's Transportation Utilities Corridor (TUC). Consultation with landowners was completed in accordance with *AUC Rule 020*. All work will be completed within the boundaries of the TUC. Ministerial consent has been obtained. The work will be fully paid for by Alberta Infrastructure as part of the P3 contract to construct the Northwest portion of the Edmonton ring road. Installation, removal and abandonment operations are proposed to commence in July 2010 upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

The pipe will be removed by excavating bell holes and pulling the existing pipe out in sections. Any liquids contained in the pipe will be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. Where necessary, the pipe will be excavated, removed and the resultant trench backfilled. At the developer's request, the topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled for the developer.

### **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 construction of the ring road at 66th Street in Edmonton, 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*, and subject to the conditions stated in ministerial consent file MCE10-0020 dated May 6, 2010, the Commission approves the amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 2594 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline - Pipeline Splits, Removals and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 2594 – June 17, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 17, 2010.

### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

*(original signed by)*

Thomas McGee  
Commissioner