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and New Construction**

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**ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. (SOUTH)
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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 7029 for the following:

- Splitting Line 9 into Lines 9, 31, and 32;
- Removal of Line 31;
- Mapping Correction of Line 9; and
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 33 – 0.23 km of 88.9mm OD pipe)

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on June 16, 2010 as Application 1606283 (Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to accommodate road construction work along the length of South Street. The Town of Blackfalds has requested the relocation of 230 metres (m) of ATCO Pipelines' 60mm high pressure natural gas pipeline (Existing Pipeline) located parallel to South Street in the Town of Blackfalds. The Existing Pipeline will be replaced by a single 88mm pipeline. The 88mm pipeline will be located approximately 5 m south of the Existing Pipeline and within the Town of Blackfalds right-of-way. ATCO Pipelines is responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs as per the franchise agreement with the Town of Blackfalds.

4. Open trenching will be used for the installation and removal of the pipelines. All surface disturbances will be reclaimed using a plan approved by the landowner, ATCO Pipelines, Stantec, and the Town of Blackfalds.

5. The Application stated that a participant involvement program has been conducted involving all landowners and the town of Blackfalds and that there are no outstanding objections or concerns from the public or industry.

3 DISCUSSION

6. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in *AUC Rule 020*.

7. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to accommodate road construction along South Street in Blackfalds, 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/addition to Permit/Licence 7029 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal, Mapping Correction and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 7029 – June 18, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 18, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner