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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 15440 for the following:

- Decrease Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) of Lines 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29 and 30

(Project).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on June 18, 2010 as Application 1606287 (Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment was necessary due to increasing development in the area of Golden Spike. The current licensed MOP of the 323mm Golden Spike Line is 5100 kPag (827psig) between their Golden Spike MOP Station (LSD 15-23-51-26-W4M) and Eilerslie Interconnection Station (LSD 04-28-51-24-W4M). Their assessments determined it is prudent to further reduce the MOP to 5050 kPag for all road crossings to meet Class 3 requirements. The licensed MOP of the west portion of their Golden Spike MOP station (LSD 15-23-51-26-W4M) would remain at 6070 kPag.

4. The Application stated that a participant involvement program has been conducted and that there are no outstanding objections or concerns from the public or industry.

**3 DISCUSSION**

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

6. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary for the existing pipelines to meet Class 3 requirements as a result of increasing development, 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 15440 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – MOP Decrease – Permit/Licence No. 15440 – June 23, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on June 23, 2010.

#### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Thomas McGee  
Commissioner