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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 12109 and 5341 for the following:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 12109:

- Splitting Line 10 into Lines 10, 26 and 27;
- Stress Level Correction of Line 10;
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline Line 28 0.09 km of 323.9 mm OD pipe; and
- Removal of Line 26;

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 5341:

- Splitting Line 36 of Licence 5344 into Lines 36, 41 and 42;
- Length Correction of Line 36;
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 43 of Licence 5344 0.09 km of 219.1 mm OD pipe); and
- Removal of Line 41

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2. The application was registered on June 29, 2010 as Application 1606320 (Application).
- 3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition is necessary to accommodate the road lowering of TWP 544. Consultation with landowners was completed in accordance with *AUC Rule 20*. Installation and removal operations are proposed to commence in August-September 2010 upon receipt of approval from the AUC.
- 4. The pipe will be removed by excavating an open trench across TWP 544. Lac St. Anne County is to shut down the road to accommodate both the pipeline relocation and the road lowering. Any liquids contained in the pipe to be removed will be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. The topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled for the road contractor at the contractor's request.

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

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 lowering of TWP 544 located in Lac St. Anne County, 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 12109 and 5341 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permits/Licences as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal, Record Correction and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 12109 – July 7, 2010 and Appendix 2 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal, Record Correction and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 5341 – July 7, 2010 (Appendices 1 and 2 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 7, 2010.

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Thomas McGee Commissioner