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1 INTRODUCTION

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit/Licence 1055 for the following:

- Decrease MOP of Lines 3, 76, 65, 67, 89, 105, 86, 104, 103, 90, and 88

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on June 29, 2010 as Application 1606321 (Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment was necessary due to the elimination of pressure regulation of the high pressure line at 15-32-049-25-W4. Therefore, the maximum operating pressure of a portion of the transmission line from 01-34-049-25-W4 to 16-03-050-26-W4 must be decreased. Currently the transmission line is not operated over 3100 kPa; therefore, the pipeline integrity under the new MOP should not be an issue.

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 to decrease the MOP of the existing pipelines, 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 1055 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. 1055 – July 7, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 7, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Commissioner