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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 2594 for the following:

- Splitting Line 178 into Lines 178, 256, 257, 258, and 259;
- Splitting Line 182 into Lines 182, 261, 262, 263, and 264;
- Removal of Lines 256, 258, 261, and 263;
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 260 – 0.41 km of 219.1 mm OD pipe); and
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 265 – 0.41 km of 323.9 mm OD pipe)

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on June 30, 2010 as Application 1606333 (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 September 2010 upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

4. Topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled. The pipe will be removed by excavating bell holes and pulling the existing pipe out in sections. Any liquids contained in the pipe to be removed will be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. If necessary, the pipe will be excavated, removed, and the resultant trench backfilled.

5. The Application states that a participation involvement program has been conducted by the Applicant 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 construction of the Northwest portion of the Edmonton Ring Road, 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*, and subject to the conditions stated in ministerial consent file MCE10-0034 dated June 21, 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 – July 8, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 8, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner