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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 22721 for the following:

- Abandonment of Line 50

(Project).

## **2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on July 13, 2010, as Application 1606353 (Application).
3. The applicant has stated that the amendment was necessary to abandon the pipeline to accommodate the intersection widening of Highway 659 at 34 Street. A new highway crossing was installed at a greater depth. The pipeline was abandoned in place, purged with nitrogen, and capped at both ends.
4. 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**

5. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in *AUC Rule 020*.
6. Since the Project is necessary to accommodate the intersection widening of Highway 659 at 34 Street, 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 22721 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Abandonment – Permit/Licence No. 22721 – July 19, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 19, 2010.

#### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

*(original signed by)*

Thomas McGee  
Commissioner