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**1 INTRODUCTION**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) seeking approval of an amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 7205 for the following:

- Split Line 5 into Lines 5 and 19;
- Removal of Line 5; and
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 20 – 0.02km of 60.3mm OD pipe);

(Project).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on July 15, 2010 as Application 1606361 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to allow for the conversion of service to the new Southern Extension Pipeline and future abandonment of the vintage Southern Extension Pipeline. The proposed 60 mm pipeline (Line 20) will tie in to the new Milton Road Lateral and will connect to an existing lateral. ATCO submitted that the pipeline removal was required to allow for the installation of the new pipeline section. Further, ATCO stated this project was required to prevent the loss of customers when the existing, vintage Southern Extension Pipeline is decommissioned and abandoned.

4. ATCO stated that a participant involvement program was conducted by ATCO and that there were no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

5. ATCO proposed to install a new above-ground valve assembly for the 60mm lateral from the new 114mm Milton Road Lateral off of the new Southern Extension Transmission (Licence 2526). ATCO notified affected landowners of the above-ground valve assembly, received non-objection from the landowners, and obtained the necessary surface lease for the valve assembly.

6. ATCO proposed to investigate the existing 42mm lateral (Line 5) for fluids, capture any liquids encountered and properly dispose of the fluids. ATCO also proposed to strip and stock the topsoil in areas where the removed pipe was to be exposed. ATCO stated it would try to minimize the excavated area by excavating “bell holes” at either end of the pipe and pulling the pipe, however, if unable to safely complete the removal in this manner, ATCO would excavate the entire length of pipe and remove it.

### **3 DISCUSSION**

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

8. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to allow conversion of service to the new Southern Extension Pipeline, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

### **4 DECISION**

9. 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 7205 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 7205 – July 20, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on July 20, 2010.

### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

*(original signed by)*

Thomas McGee  
Commissioner