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Amendment/Addition to Remove Exposed Pipeline
Located in the Waterton River in
Township 5, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian

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1 INTRODUCTION

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO Pipelines) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit/Licence 7455 for the following:

- Split Line 18 into Lines 18 and 29; and
- Removal of Line 18

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on July 29, 2010 as Application 1606410 (Application).

3. ATCO Pipelines stated that the amendment was necessary to remove an exposed pipeline located in the Waterton River. ATCO submitted that bell holes would be dug above the banks on either side of the Waterton River, the pipeline would be cleaned using pigs and then exposed and cut on a gravel bar below the river banks. Further, ATCO stated that the pipe would then be pulled back from the two bell holes and removed as per site plan. ATCO Pipelines is responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

4. ATCO Pipelines stated that a participant involvement program has been conducted by ATCO Pipelines and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

5. ATCO Pipelines stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to construction and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed, and all surface disturbances would be reclaimed using a plan approved by the landowner, ATCO Pipelines, TERA Environmental Consultants, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. ATCO filed a detailed environmental report developed by TERA. ATCO stated that Fisheries and Oceans Canada have accepted the plan outlined in the environmental report.

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 remove exposed pipeline located in the Waterton River, 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 to Permit/Licence 7455 for the Project and grants the ATCO Pipelines the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split and Removal – Permit/Licence No. 7455 – August 3, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on August 3, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner