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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 for an amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 2027 for the following:

- Split Line 5 into Lines 5 and 128;
- Split Line 6 into Lines 6 and 129; and
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 130 – 0.84 km of 406.4 mm OD pipe)

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on September 2, 2010, as Application 1606533 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to replace an existing pipeline crossing of the Old Man River due to integrity issues.

4. ATCO submitted that the existing pipeline crossing the river would be abandoned in place and that the new pipeline would be installed using directional drilling methods.

5. A Pre-Construction Site Assessment and an Environmental Protection Plan were attached to the Application.

6. ATCO stated that notification was submitted for the proposed crossing to Alberta Environment (AENV) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. ATCO also indicated that an Historic Resources Impact Statement of Justification was submitted to Alberta Culture and Community Spirit (ACCS) and that ACCS provided Historical Resources Impact Assessment requirements (construction monitoring program) related to bell hole construction during the proposed crossing.

7. ATCO stated that a Participant Involvement Program has been conducted by ATCO and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

8. In addition, ATCO stated that the proposed pipeline would be constructed in accordance with AENV's environmental requirements and that the proposed pipeline would meet the Commission environmental requirements.

3 DISCUSSION

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

10. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to replace an existing pipeline crossing of the Old Man River due to integrity issues, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

11. 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 2027 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Splits and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 2027 – September 20, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on September 20, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Acting Commissioner