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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 to Permit/Licence 14768 and 14653 for the following:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 14768:

- Split Line 1 into Lines 1, 4, and 5;
- Length Correction of Line 1; and
- Removal of Line 1;

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 14653:

- Split Line 2 into Lines 2, 3 and 4;
- Mapping Correction of Line 2; and
- Removal of Line 2 and Line 4;

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on September 14, 2010, as Application 1606568 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that Alberta Transportation, care of Al-Terra Engineering, has requested that ATCO remove a portion of the 60 mm high-pressure pipeline located within LSD 2-2-42-26-W4M and LSD 3-2-42-26-W4M to allow for upgrades to the Highway 2A and Highway 604 intersection. ATCO would isolate the approximately 1000 metre (m) pipeline, depressurize the line, and abandon the pipeline in place. ATCO would also complete cut outs that would allow Alberta Transportation to remove the pipe identified for removal.

4. ATCO indicated that any liquids encountered during the removal process would be captured and properly disposed of. ATCO will not remediate disruption to surface conditions caused by the removal because Alberta Transportation has planned substantial grade alterations.

5. Based on the existing land right and agreements, ATCO and Alberta Transportation will each pay 50 percent of the cost of this project.

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

7. ATCO stated that no regulating or measurement stations will be installed as a part of this Application.

3 DISCUSSION

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

9. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to allow for upgrades to the Highway 2A and Highway 604 intersection, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

10. 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 14768 and 14653 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permits/Licences as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and Record Correction – Permit/Licence No. 14768 – September 22, 2010, and Appendix 2 – Gas Utility Pipeline - Pipeline Split, Removal and Record Correction – Permit/Licence No. 14653 – September 22, 2010 (Appendices 1 and 2 will be distributed separately).

Dated on September 22, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Acting Commissioner