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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 8512 and 3861 for the following:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 8512:

- Mapping Correction of Line 5;

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 3861:

- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 78 of Licence 3861 – 3.32 kilometres (km) of 168.3 mm OD pipe); and
- Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 79 of Licence 3861 – 3.30 km of 168.3 mm OD pipe);

(Project).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on September 1, 2010, as Application 1606517 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to meet the growing demand for natural gas in the town of Stony Plain and surrounding area. The Project would involve the installation of roughly 6600 metres (m) of new 168 mm OD pipeline from ATCO's existing Parkland Lateral (Licence 3861, Line 25) in SE-25-53-28-W4M to the existing Stony Plain Transmission (Licence 8512, Line 5) in SW-1-53-28-W4M. This Project includes the installation of a new ATCO metering and regulating station in SE-13-53-28-W4M. The proposed pipeline and meter station installation will be at ATCO's cost.

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

5. ATCO stated that it engaged the services of ACI Acoustical Consultants to prepare a Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) for the proposed metering and regulating station. The proposed station would meet the permissible sound levels as required in *AUC Rule 012*.

6. ATCO stated that it engaged the services of TERA Environmental Consultants to prepare the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) for this project. TERA Environmental Consultants have submitted notification on behalf of ATCO to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for the proposed pipeline installation. No approvals are required based on the classification of the water bodies. ATCO also indicated that all recommendations and notifications as per the EPP would be followed under the Code of Practice.

7. ATCO stated that an advertisement explaining the scope of the work for this project was published in the Spruce Grove Examiner and the Stony Plain Reporter on July 16th and July 23rd, 2010. No objections were received in response to the publication notice.

8. In response to information requests, ATCO provided responses which included a revised NIA. The revised NIA and responses to the information requests are considered complete to fulfill the requirement of the *AUC Rule 012*.

### **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 accommodate the growing demand for natural gas in the town of Stony Plain and surrounding area, 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 8512 and 3861 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permits/Licences as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Record Correction – Permit/Licence No. 8512 – September 22, 2010, and Appendix 2 – Gas Utility Pipeline – New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 3861 – 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