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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 5024 for the following:

- Split Line 4 into Lines 4, 25, and 26;
- “From” Location Correction of Line 4;
- Length Correction of Line 4; and
- Removal of Line 25;

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on September 29, 2010, as Application 1606620 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that ConocoPhillips, care of EBA Engineering, requested that ATCO remove a 60 metre portion of the 131 mm high-pressure pipeline located within LSD 11-06-20-2-W5M to allow for environmental remediation work within the old Turner Valley Gas Plant. A ConocoPhillips representative would expose and remove the identified pipe section under the direction and supervision of ATCO. The remaining pipe would be abandoned in place in accordance with *AUC Rule 020*. Additionally the ConocoPhillips representative would properly abandon the pipe that is to remain abandoned in place.

4. ATCO stated that any liquids encountered during the removal would be captured and disposed of properly.

5. ATCO stated that they would not remediate disruption to surface conditions caused by the removal because ConocoPhillips has planned surface disruptions as part of their remediation work.

6. ATCO stated that ConocoPhillips would pay 100 percent of the cost of this Project.

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.

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 environmental remediation work within the old Turner Valley Gas Plant and to correct the record, 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 5024 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and Record Corrections – Permit/Licence No. 5024 – October 6, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on October 6, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Commissioner