



## **ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)**

### **Pipeline Abandonment**

**Amendment to Abandon a Leaking Pipeline  
Underneath Highway 14 in Township 51, Range 23,  
West of the 4 th Meridian**

**November 2, 2010**

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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 5916 for the following:

- Abandonment of Line No. 21;  
(Project).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2. The application was registered on October 18, 2010 as Application 1606673 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that ATCO Pipelines replaced a portion of a pipeline crossing Highway 14 after construction crews working in the area detected gas coming from the south casing vent of the highway crossing. The entire portion of the pipeline under Highway 14 was replaced with Line 26 on May 13, 2010.

4. ATCO stated that the abandonment of Line 21 was completed on August 20, 2010 after the new highway crossing (Line 26) was installed. ATCO also submitted that the pipeline (Line 21) was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements and that all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface site reclaimed within one year.

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

**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 abandon a leaking pipeline underneath Highway 14, 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 5916 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Abandonment – Permit/Licence No. 5916 – November 2, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on November 2, 2010.

#### **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Tudor Beattie, Q.C.  
Commissioner