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West of the 5th Meridian**

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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 5797 for the following:

- Split Line 1 into Lines 1 and 5;
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 6 – 0.07 km of 88.9 mm OD pipe)
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 7 – 0.07 km of 88.9 mm OD pipe)
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 8 – 2.58 km of 88.9 mm OD pipe)
- Removal of Line 1; and
- Line 5 to remain in place;

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on November 10, 2010, as Application 1606743 (Application).

3. ATCO stated that Alberta Transportation requires the pipeline to be relocated 150 metres (m) west of the Highway 22 centerline due to the scheduled construction to widen Highway 22 beginning in April 2011. The alignment selected by Alberta Transportation would accommodate the planned widening and also allow for the potential twinning of the highway. The pipeline currently runs immediately adjacent and parallel to the west edge of the Highway 22 road allowance.

4. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to construction and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. Open trenching would be used for the installation and removal of the pipeline. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned. Short drills may also be required to cross a driveway and a township road.

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 accommodate the widening of Highway 22, 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 5797 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 5797, November 23, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on November 23, 2010.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Commissioner