

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

Pipeline Split, Removal and Record Correction

Amendment to Accommodate Future Land Development in Township 53, Range 25, West of the 4th Meridian

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 6916 as follows:
 - split Line 9 into Lines 9 and 10;
 - removal of Line 9:
 - "To" LSD Correction of Line 9 and;
 - Line 10 to remain in place;

(Project).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2. The application was registered on December 8, 2010, as Application No. 1606840 (Application).
- 3. ATCO stated that this Project involves the abandonment of 420 metres (m) of 42 mm piping which has recently become obsolete. ATCO states that 180 m, (Line 9) of this piping and an associated tap would be removed as a result of a landowner request, while the remaining 240 m (Line 10) would be abandoned in place. The landowner is requesting this removal to accommodate future development.
- 4. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to construction and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed. All surface disturbances would be reclaimed using a plan approved by the landowner and ATCO.
- 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. As no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to accommodate the future land development, 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 and Licence No. 6916 for the Project and grants ATCO the amended Permit and Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Split, Removal and Record Correction – Permit and Licence No. 6916 – December 17, 2010 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on December 17, 2010.

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(original signed by)

Anne Michaud Commissioner