

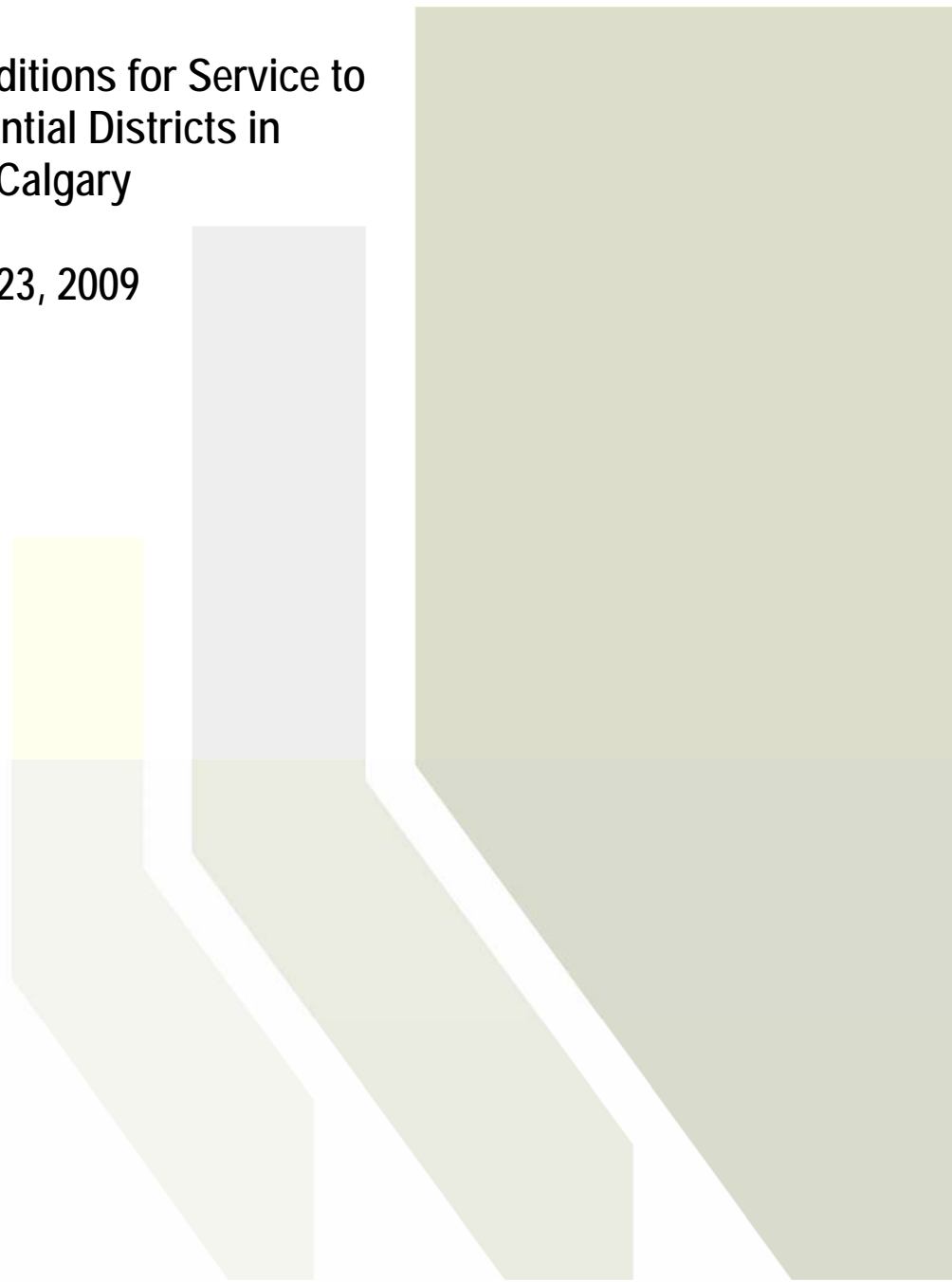


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1 INTRODUCTION

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (the Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) seeking approval for an addition to Permit/Licence 18438 for the following: (the Project)

- Addition of four newly constructed pipelines (Line 8 – 840 m of 406.3 mm OD pipe, Line 9 – 1.64 km of 406.3 mm OD pipe, Line 10 – 260 m of 406.3 mm OD pipe and Line 11 – 800m of 406.3 mm OD pipe) to extend the Priddis Transmission Pipeline.

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on August 14, 2009, as Application 1605362 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the addition was necessary to allow for service to new residential districts in the City of Calgary. The pipeline is fully located within the Calgary Transportation Utility Corridor and construction will include the crossing of three wetlands.

4. The service will be provided through the new Calgary Mahogany Gate Station. The gate station is not a transmission facility, rather an ATCO Gas facility required to serve core customers in Southeast Calgary under the terms of the franchise agreement. ATCO Gas has obtained all necessary approvals to construct a facility at this location, including the ministerial consent file MCC09-0015 dated May 20, 2009.

5. ATCO Gas advised that all stakeholders were consulted, including the City of Calgary Planning and Development and that there are no outstanding objections from any residents regarding the gate station.

6. The Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) submitted by the Applicant on September 15, 2009, contained an assessment of protected animal species, identification of rare plants and assessment of migratory birds. The EPP recommended the following: *If construction activities are deferred into the spring or early summer, the right of way must be precleared prior to April 15, or a migratory bird survey must be conducted immediately prior to construction to ensure construction will not impact any active nests of migratory birds, as defined under the Migratory Birds Convention Act.*

3 DISCUSSION

7. The Commission has reviewed the Application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020. The Commission notes that a participant involvement program has been conducted and understands that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

8. Since no parties objected to the application and the Project is necessary to allow for service to new residential districts in the City of Calgary, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

9. Therefore, Pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act*, section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, subject the conditions stated in the ministerial consent file MCC09-00004B dated August 14, 2009, and conditions stated under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, the Commission approves the addition to Permit/Licence 18438 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in the Appendix 1 – New Pipeline Additions – Permit/Licence No. 18493 – September 23, 2009.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on September 23, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Thomas McGee
Commissioner