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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 amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 3572 for the following: (the Project)

- Splitting Line 1 into Lines 1, 2 and 3.
- Removal of Line 2.
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 4 – 2.80 km of 88.9mm OD pipe).
- Mapping correction of Line 1.

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on August 25, 2009, as Application 1605391 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition was necessary to maintain the integrity of the pipeline segment in the Crowsnest Lake.

4. The Application was made on the basis of Decision 2007-107, released in December 2007, allowing the Applicant to proceed with the pipeline replacement and the recommendation that “AP (ATCO Pipelines) will address replacement as soon as feasible in line with safe overall operation and all other required approvals and permits.” Approvals have been received from Alberta Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada, and Alberta Community, Culture and Spirit.

3 DISCUSSION

5. 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 by the Applicant and that there are no outstanding public or industry objections or concerns.

6. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary to maintain the integrity of the pipeline segment in the Crowsnest Lake, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

7. Therefore, Pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment/addition to Permit/Licence 3572 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Split and Replacement – Permit/Licence No. 3572 – September 10, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on September 10, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

N.A. Maydonik, Q.C.
Commissioner