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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 1950 for the following: (the Project)

- Splitting Line 39 into Lines 39, 116 and 117.
- Removal of Line 116.
- Addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 118 – 330 m of 168.3 mm OD pipe).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on September 10, 2009, as Application 1605441 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment/addition was necessary for the emergency repair of a section of the existing Banff Transmission Pipeline paralleling Highway 1A due to corrosion leaks.

4. The pipeline in question is the secondary feed to the Towns of Banff and Canmore and requires replacement of a section of pipe to ensure security of supply to both communities. ATCO Pipelines plans to mobilize crews on September 11, 2009 to complete the emergency leak repair.

5. A written non-objection has been received from Alberta Transportation to complete the proposed work. The AUC provided ATCO a written approval to proceed with the emergency leak repair prior to submitting the written permit application.

3 DISCUSSION

6. 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.

7. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Project is necessary for the emergency repair of a section of the existing Banff Transmission Pipeline paralleling Highway 1A due to corrosion leaks, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

4 DECISION

8. 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 1950 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Gas Utilities Pipeline – Pipeline Split and Replacement – Permit/Licence No. 1950 – September 18, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on September 18, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Thomas McGee
Commissioner