

# ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)

**New Construction** 

Pipeline Addition for Service to a Proposed Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op Gate Station

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# **ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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# ATCO GAS AND PIPELINES LTD. (SOUTH) PIPELINE ADDITION FOR SERVICE TO A PROPOSED GATE STATION

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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 3861 for the following: (the Project)
  - Addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 77 10 m of 60.3 mm OD pipe).

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2. The application was registered on September 15, 2009, as Application 1605453 (the Application).
- 3. The Applicant stated that the addition was necessary to allow for service to a proposed Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op gate station in 12-10-055-01 W5M.
- 4. The location and requirement of the proposed gate station is determined by the local distribution company (LDC), which in this case is Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op Ltd. The gate station will be designed, owned and operated by the LDC.
- 5. The Applicant is responding to the LDC's request to provide a source of supply to their market. The public consultation for the pipeline was completed by the LDC in conjunction with gate station.
- 6. The gate station will be located in a rural location away from any concentrated population and is required to supply the local market. The LDC has obtained the necessary land rights to construct the gate station at the proposed location and received no objection through their process.

## 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 a proposed gate station, the Commission considers the Project to be in the public interest.

# 4 DECISION

9. Therefore, Pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the addition to Permit/Licence 3861 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in the Appendix 1 – Gas Utility Pipeline – New Construction – Permit/Licence No. 3861 – October 5, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on October 5, 2009.

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(original signed by)

N. Allen Maydonik, Q.C. Commissioner