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1 INTRODUCTION

1. On July 31, 2009 AltaGas Utilities Inc. (the Applicant) applied to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or Commission) pursuant to section 11 of the *Pipeline Act*, R.S.A 2000, c., P-15 and section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5 for approval to amend existing Permit/Licence No. 210 to add a 3.27 km segment of a newly constructed 114.3 mm of outside diameter pipe (the Pipeline) to that Permit/Licence (the Application).

2 BACKGROUND

2. The Applicant stated that the Pipeline was needed to service a proposed gate station that would supply gas to the eastside of the Town of Westlock.

3. The Applicant indicated that it met the consultation and notification requirements of AUC Rule 020 – *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* (AUC Rule 020) and that there are no outstanding objections or concerns related to the Application.

4. The Applicant indicated that it will meet Commission requirements for emergency response planning and that the Pipeline will meet all of the requirements of Canadian Standards Association Standard Z662, entitled *Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems*. The Pipeline will be constructed in accordance with the Environmental Protection Guidelines issued by Alberta Environment.

5. The Commission published a Notice of Application in the Westlock News on September 14, 2009. As set out in that notice interveners had until October 5, 2009 to file an objection with the Commission. No objections have been filed with the Commission.

3 DISCUSSION

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

7. Since no parties objected to the Application and the Pipeline is necessary to supply gas to the eastside of the Town of Westlock, the Commission considers the Application 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 amending Permit/Licence 210 to add the Pipeline and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – New Pipeline Construction – Permit/Licence No. 210 – October 7, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on October 7, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner