

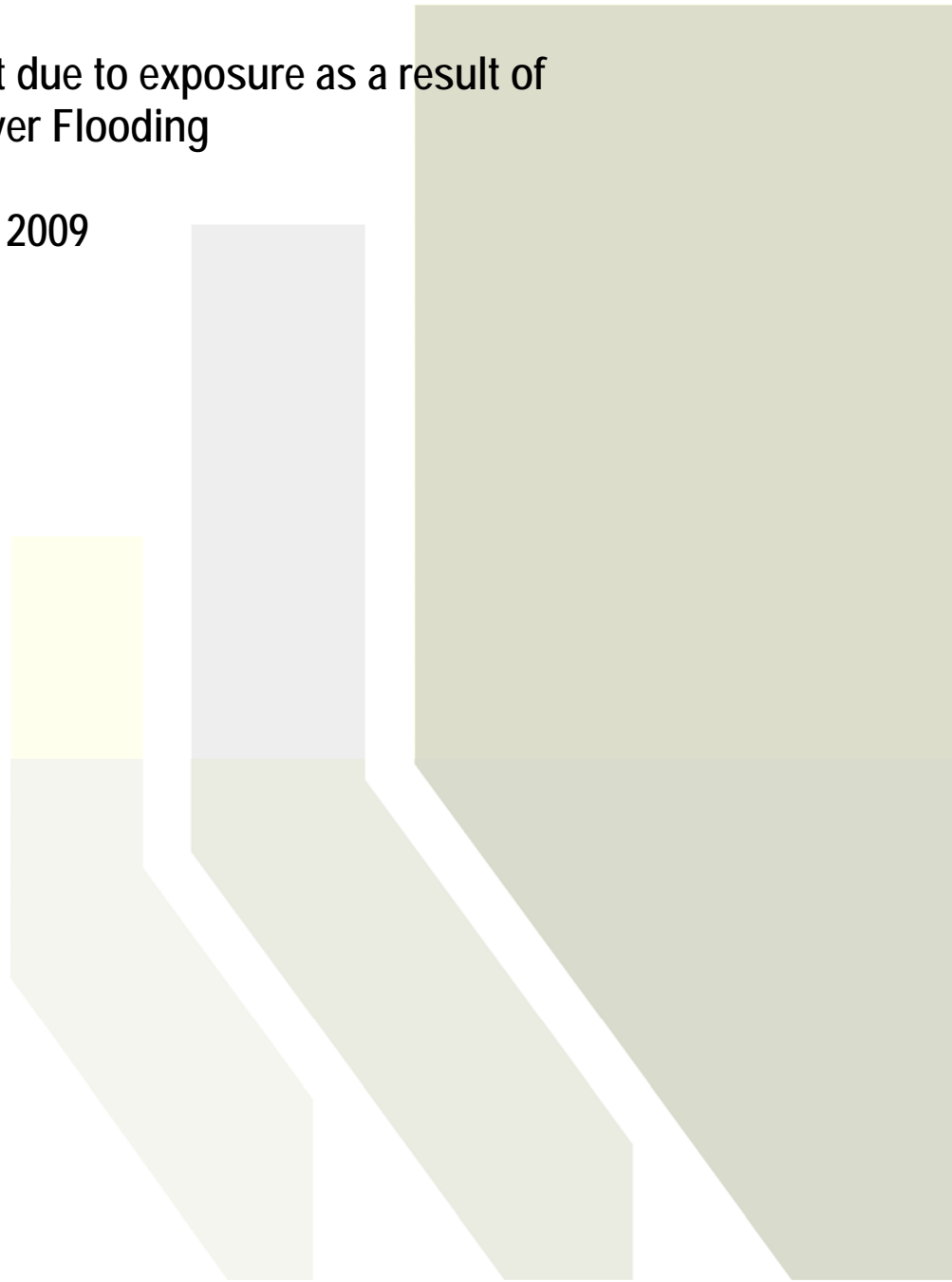


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1 INTRODUCTION

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (the Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit/Licence 2172 for the following: (the Project)

- Complete removal of Lines 58 and 60.
- Mapping correction for Lines 58 and 60.

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on October 13, 2009, as Application 1605523 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment was necessary to remove Line 58 to prevent potential exposure of the pipeline on the river bank and Line 60 which is currently exposed.

4. In 2002, the 60mm pipeline was washed out in a flood and a portion of the line was removed as a result. The line sole purpose was to feed a farm tap unit on the east side of the river crossing. After the crossing was washed out, the farm tap unit was fed by ATCO Gas from the East. Therefore, the line is no longer needed as sections of the pipe continue to wash up in the river/floodplain.

5. Approximately 75m of the remaining pipe will be removed on the east side of the river crossing and the remainder will be abandoned in place.

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 and understands 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 removal of existing pipelines due to exposure as a result of Old Man River flooding, 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 to Permit/Licence 2172 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in the Appendix 1 – Pipeline Removal and Record Corrections – Permit/Licence No. 2172 – October 21, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on October 21, 2009.

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(original signed by)

N. Allen Maydonik, Q.C.
Commissioner