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1 INTRODUCTION

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (the Applicant) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit/Licence 203 for the following: (the Project)

- Abandonment of Line 54.

2 BACKGROUND

2. The application was registered on October 29, 2009 as Application 1605578 (the Application).

3. The Applicant stated that the amendment was necessary due to the construction of the Aspen Water Treatment Plant resulting in a portion of the existing pipeline to have less depth of cover than the required CSA Standard Z662-03.

4. According to the Applicant, Line 54 was abandoned in place. The pipeline was purged with nitrogen and capped at both ends.

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 due to a portion of the existing pipeline having less cover than the required in CSA Standard Z662-03, 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 to Permit/Licence 203 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Pipeline Abandonment – Permit/Licence No. 203 – November 4, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on November 4, 2009.

ALBERTA UTILITIES COMMISSION

(original signed by)

Thomas McGee
Commissioner