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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 37681 for the following: (the Project)
 - Abandonment of Lines 7, 12 and 14.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2. The application was registered on October 29, 2009 as Application 1605579 (the Application).
- 3. The Applicant stated that the amendment was necessary due to numerous internal corrosion leaks.
- 4. According to the Applicant, the lines were abandoned in place. The pipelines were purged with nitrogen and capped at both ends.
- 5. All landowners and occupants have been notified and have given written confirmation that they have no objection to the abandonment. Northern Sunrise County was also notified of the abandonment and they have no objection.

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 due to numerous internal 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 to Permit/Licence 37681 for the Project and grants the Applicant the amended Permit/Licence as set out in Appendix 1: Gas Utility Pipeline – Pipeline Abandonment – Permit/Licence No. 37681 – November 9, 2009 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated in Calgary, Alberta on November 9, 2009.

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(original signed by)

Thomas McGee Commissioner