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Pipeline Abandonment Permit and Licence No. 1670 Application No. 1609934 Proceeding ID No. 2846

## Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609934, registered on September 19, 2013, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to abandon lines 10 and 30 in Township 53, Range 25, west of Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of an existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1670.

ATCO stated that the 168.3 millimetre Stony Plain industrial lateral pipeline is no longer required and was abandoned. At the request of a developer, 400 metres of the 168.3 millimetre Stony Plain industrial lateral pipeline was removed in 16-06-53-25-W4M to accommodate future development. Under decision <u>DA2013-52</u>, Line 10 of Permit and Licence No. 1670 was split into lines 10, 29 and 30, and Line 29 was removed.

ATCO stated that, on June 27, 2013, ATCO completed the abandonment of the 168.3 millimetre Stony Plain industrial lateral, represented as lines 10 and 30 of Permit and Licence No. 1670.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipelines were abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DA2013-52, Application No. 1609292, Proceeding ID No. 2431, February 15, 2013.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence will be distributed separately.

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