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Attention: Jon Dies, P. Eng.

Project Engineer, Measurement Engineering

Pipeline abandonment Permit and Licence No. 6775 Application No. 1609961 Proceeding ID No. 2856

## Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South), by Application No. 1609961 registered on October 3, 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* for a pipeline abandonment of Line 14 in Township 55, Range 2, west of the Fourth Meridian. The work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 6775.<sup>1</sup>

ATCO stated that it received approval to split Line 2 of Permit and Licence No. 6775 into lines 2 and 14 under Application No. 1609562, in <u>DA2012-124</u>.<sup>2</sup> The abandonment work for line 14 was completed on August 29, 2013.

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

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) 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.

Pipeline Split Permit and Licence No. 6775, Application No. 1609562, Proceeding ID No. 2583, May 17, 2013.

DA2013-124: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) –Pipeline Split for Abandonment of a Section of Pipeline no longer Required - Minor pipeline project application, Application No. 1609562, Proceeding ID No. 2583, May 17, 2013.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) 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 is attached.

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission