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Attention: Vincent Chou, P. Eng.

Design Engineer

Pipeline Amendments Permit and Licence No. 22721 Application No. 1610078 Proceeding ID No. 2929

## Minor pipeline project application

AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas), by Application No. 1610078, registered on November 18, 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 the following in Township 61, Range 5, west of Fourth Meridian:

- length amendment of Line 53 from 0.60 kilometres (km) to 0.77 km
- 'from' LSD location amendment of Line 53 from LSD 9 to LSD 8
- mapping amendment of Line 53

The proposed work is related to minor length and location amendments, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 22721.

AltaGas stated that the original Line 8 (0.77 km) of Permit and Licence No. 22721 was a segment of pipeline acquired by AltaGas and not originally installed by AltaGas. On the licence, it was split into Line 52 (0.60 km) and Line 8 (0.17 km) in April of 2013. The proposed Line 53 (0.60 km) was then intended to replace Line 52 and connect to Line 8 (0.17 km). Upon excavating the tie-in location on Line 8 where Line 53 would be connected, AltaGas found the condition of Line 8 to be poor due to evidence of corrosion and sub-standard welding. Upon review of the condition of Line 8, AltaGas determined that the remaining 0.17 km (Line 8) should also be replaced, which would mean extending Line 53 to 0.77 km. An application will be submitted for the abandonment of Line 52 and Line 8 after construction is complete.

AltaGas stated that stakeholder consent has been obtained and a notification report was filed with the application.

AltaGas 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 landowner and occupant of the affected lands did not object to the project.

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

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.

Brian Shand, P. Eng. Director, Gas Facilities

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment