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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) 7210 – 42 Street N.W. Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1

Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle

Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Permit and Licence No. 16723 Application No. 1610135 Proceeding ID No. 2953

## **Record amendment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610135, registered on December 3, 2013, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to amend the wall thickness of lines 99, 123, 131, 133 and 141 from 9.50 mm to 7.90 mm in Township 54, Ranges 15, 16 and 17, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed amendment is related to facilities with approvals to construct and operate granted in Permit and Licence No. 16723.

ATCO stated that the construction of the Norma transmission pipeline began in July 2013 and was completed in October 2013. During construction, ATCO determined that a number of seasonal wetlands that had been identified during the environmental assessment were dry and could be open cut instead of directionally drilled as originally proposed. The locations that were changed from directional drilling to open cut are represented on Permit and Licence No. 16723 by Lines 99, 123, 131, 133 and 141. Because these areas were open cut, the pipe used in these locations was changed from the drilling pipe with a greater wall thickness shown as ID No. 02 on Permit and Licence No. 16723 in Decision 2013-223<sup>1</sup> to line pipe, which is shown as ID No. 01.

ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision 2013-223: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Construction of Norma 508 mm Pipeline and Control Station, Application No. 1609460, Proceeding ID No. 2538, June 14, 2013.

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