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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

New Construction
Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 2526
Application No. 1610231
Proceeding ID No. 3017

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610231, registered on January 9, 2014, 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 addition of eight proposed pipelines (Lines 167 through 174 – 0.13 kilometres (km) of 60.3 - millimetre (mm) outside-diameter (OD) pipelines) in Township 44, Ranges 24 and 25 west of the Fourth Meridian).

ATCO stated that since 2008, 157 km of the vintage Southern Extension transmission pipeline have been replaced in three phases from Red Deer to Poe with the remaining 9.8 km of 219.1 mm high pressure pipeline within the Samson (6.2 km) and Ermineskin (3.6 km) reserves from LSD 04-03-45-24-W4M to LSD 07-12-44-25-W4M being currently constructed as per Decision [2013-372](#). As part of this replacement, the existing taps and laterals on the vintage Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline would be transferred to the new Southern Extension replacement pipeline in order to maintain service to all existing customers.

ATCO stated that the proposed 60.3 mm laterals would be installed within the existing permit area that was previously acquired for the Southern Extension replacement as part of Decision 2013-372. During the consultation process, it was well established that the conversion of all the taps and laterals would be a part of this project, and separate band council resolutions were not necessary as additional permit area for the proposed laterals was not required. There are no outstanding objections or concerns related to this project.

ATCO stated that since the proposed 60.3 mm laterals are contained within the previously acquired permit area, a separate environmental assessment was not completed. ATCO Pipelines retained TERA Environmental Consultants to complete an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and to apply to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) for environmental approval for the Southern Extension replacement pipeline. This is reflected in Application No. 1609764,

Decision 2013-372. ATCO Pipelines will comply with all requirements in the EAR for the construction of these laterals.

ATCO proposed to begin construction in early 2014, immediately following the construction of the Southern Extension replacement pipeline.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance, 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.

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 is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment