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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. 3237 and No. 7231 Application No. 1610298 Proceeding ID No. 3057

## **Record amendment application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610298, registered on February 3, 2014, 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* in Township 51, Range 24 west of the Fourth Meridian for:

Pertaining to Licence 3237:

- reinstatement of a portion of removed Line 7 as abandoned Line 8
- length amendment of Line 7

## Pertaining to Licence 7231:

• reinstatement of removed Line 2 as abandoned Line 2

The proposed amendments are related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence Nos. 3237 and 7231.

ATCO stated that in April 2012, Melcor Developments Ltd. (Melcor) requested ATCO to remove abandoned portions of ATCO's 42.2 millimetre natural gas pipeline segments that were expected to interfere with Melcor's development in the area. ATCO submitted the necessary permit applications to the AUC and received approval to have the abandoned pipeline segments removed (Application No. 1608591, <u>DA2012-180</u>).

ATCO stated that in October 2013, it was notified by Melcor's consultant (IBI Group) that removal of some sections of the pipeline would not be required to accommodate the proposed area development and that removal would cause unnecessary disruption to the surrounding environment. Therefore, this application is for approval to re-instate 50 metres of Line 7 as Line 8, and to adjust the Line 7 length to 30 metres on Licence 3237. In addition, this application is to re-instate the entire length of Line 2 as abandoned on Licence 7231.

ATCO provided a letter in which Melcor acknowledged the non-removal and reinstatement of these line segments.

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.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence documents are attached.

Brian Shand, P. Eng. Director, Gas Facilities

On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment