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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Amendment to Abandon Pipeline Segments
Permit and Licence Nos. 1950 and 15600
Application No. 1610308
Proceeding ID No. 3069

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610308 registered on February 7, 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* in Townships 24 and 25, Range 10, west of the Fifth Meridian for:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 1950:

- abandonment of Line 85
- abandonment of Line 129

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 15600:

- abandonment of Line 1

The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original rights-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1950, and Permit and Licence No. 15600.

ATCO stated that the application is for the approval of pipeline abandonments on Permit and Licence No. 1950 and Permit and Licence No. 15600. This application is in relation to a line split recently approved under AUC decision [DA2014-2](#).¹ The pipeline installations approved under Decision [2012-342](#)² were completed on December 11, 2013, along with the abandonment of the existing mainline. The pipelines were purged and filled with air. Abandonment tags were added to the abandoned pipelines as per AUC requirements.

¹ DA2014-2: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Permit and Licence Nos. 1950 and 15600 Record amendment application, Application No. 1610212, Proceeding ID No. 3008, January 8, 2014.

² Decision 2012-342: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – New Construction to Replace a Section of the Banff Transmission Pipeline – Town of Canmore, Application No. 1608817, Proceeding ID No. 2123, December 18, 2012.

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

ATCO 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.

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 permits and licences are attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand".

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

Attachment