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**Pipeline Removal and Replacement  
Permit and Licence No. 3861  
Application No. 1610438  
Proceeding No. 3147**

**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610438 registered on March 27, 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 following in Township 53, Range 26, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- removal of Line 86
- addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 87 - 0.07 kilometres of 114.3-millimetre (mm) outside-diameter pipeline)

The proposed work is related to the minor removal and replacement of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 3861.

ATCO proposed to install a new 114.3-mm pipeline lateral (Line 87) from the existing 323.9-mm Swan Hills transmission pipeline to a new ATCO Gas measurement and pressure regulation station. The pipeline lateral would replace the existing 60.3-mm pipeline (Line 86) in order to meet additional ATCO Gas demand growth in the area. Line 87 would be installed in the existing right-of-way. Line 86 would be removed.

ATCO stated that the project does not require a historical resources impact assessment since it is a Class II pipeline and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's Listing of Historic Resources. All liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. The pipeline alignment would be returned to its original condition in accordance with ATCO's standard backfill procedure. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the installation activities.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by

ATCO on March 17, 2014. Construction operations would start in April of 2014 upon receipt of approval.

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 permit and licence is attached.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment