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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
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**Pipeline Split and Removal
Permit and Licence No. 2186
Application No. 1610505
Proceeding No. 3191**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610505 registered on April 24, 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 the city of Calgary:

- splitting Line 5 into lines 5 and 7
- removal of Line 5

The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and subsequently abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 2186.

ATCO stated that the scope of the project is to remove 20 metres of abandoned pipeline from 13-12-23-01-W5M to 14-12-23-01-W5M. The Bow River eroded the riverbank at this location during the 2013 flooding in Calgary. The 20-metre section will be removed to ensure that the abandoned pipeline is no longer in immediate proximity to the new riverbank. Construction is tentatively scheduled for May 2014.

ATCO stated that, although no construction activities are anticipated to take place within the high water mark or within the flowing water of the Bow River, a *Water Act Code of Practice* notification was submitted since there is potential for minor disturbance at the top of the riverbank. Any liquids within the pipeline would be removed from the pipeline prior to the removal.

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*.

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.

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