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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
7210 – 42 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Kellen Westman, P. Eng.
Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering**Pipeline Split and Removal**
Licence No. 1534
Application No. 1610794
Proceeding No. 3385**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610794 registered on August 22, 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 Townships 20 and 21, Range 2 west of the Fifth Meridian:

- splitting Line 3 into lines 3, 80 and 81.
- removal of Line 80.

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 licence number 1534.

ATCO stated that the Line 3 of the Turner Valley transmission pipeline was previously abandoned. As a result of erosion due to the southern Alberta flooding last year and additional high water this season, a significant exposure developed within the bank of Three Point Creek at LSD 01-05-021-02-W5M. This pipeline does not cross Three Point Creek at this location, however, the bank of the watercourse has migrated to be in conflict with the adjacent alignment of the pipeline. The erosion that has exposed this abandoned pipeline is also putting a Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 (MD) road at risk. The MD has already begun construction to protect the road, however, in order to complete the armouring, Line 80 must be removed.

ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

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*. There were no outstanding objections or concerns related to the removal of this pipeline.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited 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 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