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1 Introduction

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) seeking approval for an amendment to Permit and Licence No. 17399 pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- decrease the maximum operating pressure (MOP) for Lines 1, 9, and 13 from 8890 kilopascal (kPa) to 7310 kPa
- amendment to “To Location” from LSD 8 to LSD 10 and Facility Code from Gas Plant to Pipeline for Line 1
- amendment to length from 4.21 kilometres (km) to 3.57 km and Base Map graphics correction for Line 1
- amendment to “Stress Level” from 0 to 19 and “Type” from Z2453 to Z245.3 for Line 13

(the amendment).

2. The application was registered on April 4, 2011, as Application No. 1607165.

3. ATCO stated that for Line 1, a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 1 on Licence 17399 and the connecting pipelines, which are all in the process of having their MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 17399-Line 1 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

4. ATCO stated that for Line 9 a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 9 on Licence 17399 and the connecting pipelines, which are all in the process of having their MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 17399-Line 9 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

5. ATCO stated that for Line 13 a difference greater than five per cent has been identified in the licenced MOP between Line 13 on Licence 17399 and the connecting pipeline, which is in the process of having its MOP lowered to 7310 kPa. A decrease in MOP on Licence 17399-Line 13 is required to meet the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

6. ATCO also stated no other companies will be directly or adversely affected by the decrease in MOP on these pipelines.

2 Findings

7. The Commission finds that decreasing the MOP of the pipelines to the lower MOP is an acceptable means of meeting the requirements under Section 22(2) of the *Pipeline Regulation*.

The Commission finds that the change in pipelines:

- (a) “To Location”
- (b) “Facility Code”
- (c) “Stress Level”
- (d) “Type”
- (e) “Length”
- (f) “Base Map”

is necessary to reflect the proposed operation and to accurately reflect the change in the pipeline data base.

The Commission has reviewed the application and has determined that it meets the requirements as stipulated in AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission considers the amendment to be in the public interest in accordance with Section 17 of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*.

3 Decision

Pursuant to Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, the Commission approves the amendment to Permit and Licence No. 17399 and grants ATCO the amended permit or licence as set out in Appendix 1 – Permit and Licence No. 17399 – April 21, 2011 (Appendix 1 will be distributed separately).

Dated on April 21, 2011

The Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Commission Member