

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

November 26, 2013

In Reply Refer To:  
AltaGas Facilities (U.S.), Inc.  
Docket No. CP00-401-001  
Presidential Permit

The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038 of September 1, 1953, and February 3, 1978, respectively, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 00-004.00A, effective May 16, 2006, enclosed herewith for your information and consideration is a copy of an application filed by AltaGas Facilities (U.S.), Inc. (AltaGas), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on October 21, 2013, in Docket No. CP00-401-001, to vacate AltaGas's existing Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 3 authorization, terminate its Presidential Permit issued on July 31, 2001, and waive Article 9 of its Permit. Under its existing authorizations, AltaGas operates and maintains 60 feet of six-inch diameter natural gas pipeline extending from the international boundary with Canada to an interconnection with the natural gas gathering facilities that AltaGas owns in Toole County, Montana. These facilities are used to import natural gas from wells in the Coutts Red Coulee area of the Province of Alberta into northern Montana.

As stated above, AltaGas requests waiver of Article 9 of its Presidential Permit, which requires that it remove the facilities authorized by the Permit when the Permit is terminated. AltaGas requests the Commission authorize it to abandon the facilities in place because it believes the short length and small diameter of the pipeline does not justify the environmental disturbance associated with removal. Prior to abandoning the pipeline, AltaGas states the pipeline will be pigged with air to remove liquids and inhibitor, that the cathodic protection and pipeline risers will be removed, and that the pipeline will be capped and tagged underground. AltaGas proposes to maintain records of the internal and external corrosion of the pipeline for two years thereafter.

A similar letter, together with a copy of the application, is being sent to the Secretary of Defense. If the Secretary of Defense should make an unfavorable recommendation, the Commission will immediately advise you.

The Commission would appreciate receiving your views regarding the termination of AltaGas's Presidential Permit at an early date. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 502-8400, or Tyler Mansholt at (202) 502-8075, if you need any further information.

By the direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

cc: The Honorable Chuck Hagel  
Secretary of Defense

Attachment: Application of AltaGas Facilities (U.S.) Inc.