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Attention: Brad Cann, P. Eng.
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Pipeline Abandonment
Licence No. 10845
Application No. 1611052
Proceeding No. 3562

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1611052 registered on December 4, 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 22 and 23, Ranges 27 and 28, west of the Fourth Meridian.

- abandonment of lines 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 19
- length amendment of Line 12 from 0.99 kilometres (km) to the revised length of 2.64 km
- length amendment of Line 14 from 17.14 km to the revised length of 9.51 km

The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and subsequently abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Licence No. 10845.

ATCO stated that on July 8, 2013, it received approval from the AUC to upgrade the Indus pipeline system, which involved a line split, installation and removal under Application No. 1609492, Decision [2013-254](#),¹ which indicated that lines 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 19 were to be abandoned in place.

In its submission, ATCO stated that the pipelines were abandoned on September 27, 2014 in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within a year.

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 limited impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

¹ Decision 2013-254: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Indus Pipeline System Upgrade East of Calgary, Permit and Licence No. 10845, Application No. 1609492, Proceeding No. 2566, July 8, 2013.

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