

March 17, 2015

**Decision 20234-D01-2015**

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Attention: Konstantin Kaindl, E.I.T.  
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**North Edmonton Loop Transmission Pipeline  
Licence 2594  
Proceeding 20234  
Application 20234-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20234-A001 registered on March 5, 2015, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in Township 53, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 276 into lines 276, 283, 284, 285 and 286,
- removal of lines 283 and 285,
- “To” location facility code amendment of Line 276 from RS (regulating station) to PL (pipeline),
- length amendment of original Line 276 from 2.19 kilometres (km) to 2.23 km,
- lines 276 and 284 are to be abandoned under a subsequent application, and
- Line 286 is to remain in operation.

2. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2594.

3. ATCO stated that the removal of 1.94 km of the 323.9-millimetre pipeline has been requested by the City of Edmonton to accommodate land development. The costs incurred for the project would be fully reimbursed by the City of Edmonton. In 2014, ATCO proposed to abandon the 323.9-millimetre north Edmonton loop transmission pipeline which is in an urban environment and has become obsolete, due to the installation of the 508-millimetre northwest Edmonton connector pipeline in the Edmonton transportation utility corridor (TUC) in 2011.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> DA2014-224: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South), Pipeline Abandonment, Application 1610845, Proceeding 3423, October 2, 2014.

4. ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the removal activities. An environmental protection plan (EPP)<sup>2</sup> has been prepared for this project. All recommendations included in the EPP would be implemented by ATCO. Any liquids, if present, contained within the pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. This project does not require a *Historical Resources Act* clearance since the proposed work area is not referenced in the current edition of the Alberta Culture listing of historical resources.

5. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO on February 18, 2015. Construction operations are planned to be started in April of 2015 and completed in May of 2015.

6. ATCO stated that the removal work outlined in this application will not impact the Edmonton TUC, although an isolation fitting within the Edmonton TUC will be utilized to isolate the pipeline in order to accommodate the removal work. Ministerial consent has been obtained to perform the isolation work within the TUC.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

Brian Shand, P. Eng.  
Director, Gas Facilities  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment

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<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 20234-X0005, EPP and PCSA.