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Decision 20460-D01-2015

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Sydney Smith, E.I.T.
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**Pipeline Removal and Replacement near Edmonton
Licences 9413 and 9414
Proceeding 20460
Applications 20460-A002 and 20460-A003**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 20460-A002 and 20460-A003 registered on May 22, 2015, filed applications 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 52, Ranges 22 and 23 west of the Fourth Meridian:

Pertaining to Licence 9413:

- splitting Line 32 into lines 32, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79
- removal of lines 72, 74, 76 and 78
- lines 32, 73, 75, 77 and 79 are to remain abandoned in place
- mapping amendment of Line 32

Pertaining to Licence 9414:

- splitting Line 23 into lines 23, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53
- removal of lines 46, 48, 50 and 52
- lines 23, 47, 49, 51 and 53 are to remain abandoned in place
- splitting Line 30 into lines 30, 54, 55 and 56
- removal of lines 30 and 55
- lines 54 and 56 are to remain abandoned in place
- mapping amendment of Line 36

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in licences 9413 and 9414.

3. ATCO proposed to remove 1,530 meters of the abandoned 304.8 mm Viking #1 transmission pipeline consisting of lines 72, 74, 76 and 78 of Licence 9413; and 2,110 meters of the abandoned 323.9 mm Viking #2 transmission pipeline consisting of lines 30, 46, 48, 50, 52 and 55 of Licence 9414, between Brentwood Boulevard and Cloverbar Road, since these pipelines are in conflict with the proposed Wye Road widening project. The segments of these pipelines that are currently beneath paved road surfaces would be filled with grout and left abandoned in place. The cost of the work would be fully reimbursed by Strathcona County.
4. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's listing of historic resources.
5. ATCO stated that upon removal of the pipelines, it would restore its fee simple lands to meet Strathcona County requirements and would obtain a reclamation certificate as required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* prior to the transfer of those lands to Strathcona County. No watercourse crossings would be affected by the removal activities. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.
6. ATCO stated that it had notified all landowners and occupants along the right-of-way in accordance with requirements of Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. There are no outstanding objections or concerns related to the removal of these pipelines along Wye Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015.
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 licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments