

May 28, 2015

**Decision 20439-D01-2015**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Kaz Berjian, P. Eng.  
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**Pipeline Abandonment in the Swan Hills Area**  
**Licence 5359**  
**Proceeding 20439**  
**Application 20439-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20439-A001 registered on May 15, 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 the Swan Hills area:

- abandonment of lines 1, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 30
- mapping amendment of Line 13

2. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 5359.

3. In Proceeding 3587 ATCO identified that its 60.3 millimetre Swan Hills lateral pipeline had become exposed in three locations within Freeman Creek. ATCO was given approval to remove the exposed sections of pipe, and to abandon the remaining sections, in Decision [3587-D01-2015](#).<sup>1</sup> ATCO stated that the sections proposed to be abandoned in-place would be applied for under a subsequent application, which is the purpose of this application. The abandonment of these sections was completed on February 25, 2015. According to Section 7.8.4 (2) (c) of Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, applications to abandon pipelines must be filed within 90 days of the pipeline abandonment. Since this application was filed on May 15, 2015, ATCO has filed the application within the time frame specified in Rule 020.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 3587-D01-2015: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South), Freeman Creek Pipeline Removal Project, Application 1611095, Proceeding 3587, February 2, 2015.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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