

May 13, 2015

**Decision 20394-D01-2015**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Nick Khotenko  
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**Relocation of the 323.9 mm and 114.3 mm North Edmonton Loop Lines  
Licence 2594  
Proceeding 20394  
Application 20394-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20394-A001 registered on April 29, 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 city of Edmonton:
  - splitting Line 32 into lines 32 and 287.
  - splitting Line 132 into lines 132, 288 and 289.
  - splitting Line 174 into lines 174, 291, 292 and 293.
  - removal of lines 32, 288 and 292.
  - Line 291 is to be abandoned on a subsequent application.
  - lines 132, 174, 287, 289 and 293 are to remain in operation.
  - addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 290 - 0.78 kilometres (km) of 323.9-millimetre (mm) outside-diameter (OD) pipeline).
  - addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 294 - 0.12 km of 114.3 mm OD pipeline).
  - mapping amendment of Line 32.
  - amendment to the original length of lines 32, 132 and 174 prior to splitting.
2. The proposed work is related to the minor replacement of existing pipe previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2594.
3. ATCO stated that the project meets the criteria for an abbreviated need project as per Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, Section 3.3, Table 3.1, as it is a relocation project for existing facilities where the project is reimbursed under the terms of a third party contribution, project costs are forecast at less than \$2,000,000 and there are no unresolved interested party objections or significant environmental impacts. The proposed project is required to accommodate a business park development in the city of Edmonton. The cost of the work would be fully reimbursed by the developer.

4. ATCO stated that the 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 the site was previously used as a golf course but is currently under redevelopment. Qualico Development West Ltd. (Qualico) has completed top soil stripping and site grading for the entire business park development site with the exception of ATCO's existing right-of-way. Top soil stripping and grading of ATCO's proposed right-of-way has been completed by Qualico.
6. Environmental concerns are not expected to arise from the pipeline project due to the level of disturbance of the land resulting from redevelopment. ATCO would follow the environmental protection guidelines for pipelines as presented in the conservation and reclamation information letter C&R/IL/94-5 (ESRD 1994). An inspector would be on-site to make sure that proper standards would be met and that no adverse effects on the environment would occur. The existing right-of-way would be reclaimed to pre-disturbance conditions after the pipelines are removed. ATCO would obtain a reclamation certificate as required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* prior to discharging the right-of-way. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal and abandonment activities. No watercourse crossings would be affected by the proposed activities.
7. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO on April 24, 2015. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in May of 2015.
8. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant 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.
9. 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.
10. 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