

May 13, 2015

**Decision 20408-D01-2015**

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**Fort Saskatchewan Transmission Pipeline Abandonment and Transfer to  
Low-Pressure Distribution Service as Part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement Project  
Licence 2594  
Proceeding 20408  
Application 20408-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20408-A001, registered on May 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 the city of Edmonton:

- delete lines 57 and 279 from the licence
- abandon lines 125 and 280

2. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of pipelines and conversion of pipelines to gas distribution pressure (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2594.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision [DA2014-234](#),<sup>1</sup> sections of the existing 323.9-millimetre Fort Saskatchewan transmission pipeline were approved to be abandoned or transferred to ATCO Gas as part of its Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) project. On January 17, 2014, the Commission had previously approved the need for the UPR project in Decision [2014-010](#).<sup>2</sup> The scope of this specific project included the removal of 3,400 metres of the 323.9-millimetre Fort Saskatchewan transmission pipeline from high-pressure service. ATCO Pipelines completed an assessment in coordination with ATCO Gas and determined that approximately 2,490 metres

<sup>1</sup> Decision DA2014-234: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split, Licence 2594, Minor pipeline project application, Proceeding 3457, Application 1610901, October 23, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617, January 17, 2014 (Errata issued on February 21, 2014).

of the 323.9-millimetre pipeline and 50 metres of 60.3-millimetre pipeline lateral would be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as low-pressure distribution pipelines to maintain gas supply to the area. Two existing gate stations were converted to low-pressure district regulating stations. The remaining 910 metres of the 323.9-millimetre pipeline was abandoned. On April 10, 2015, all abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities were completed according to Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements.

4. ATCO stated that no watercourse crossings were affected by the abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.
5. ATCO stated that notification of this work to landowners and occupants was completed in accordance with Rule 020 on September 22, 2014.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

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