

June 15, 2015

**Decision 20486-D01-2015**

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Attention: Curtis Meunier, E.I.T  
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**Pipeline Record Amendment in the Okotoks Area  
Licence 2027  
Proceeding 20486  
Application 20486-A001 and 20486-A002**

**Record amendment application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO) , by Application 20486 registered on May 28, 2015, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in Township 20, Range 29, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- abandonment of Line 147
- mapping amendment of Line 149
- addition of previously abandoned lines 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164 and 165

2. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2027.

3. ATCO stated that in 2013 the floods of the Sheep River exposed both the then operating Line 147, as well as two previously abandoned pipelines. In response to the flooding, ATCO installed Line 149 and abandoned Line 147, but did not submit the abandonment notification.

4. ATCO stated that upon review of the licence it was determined that two previously abandoned pipelines designated as lines 159 through 165, were not listed on the licence. These pipelines were exposed in 1955 during high flows on the Sheep River. During replacement of the crossing in 1955, only the exposed sections of the pipeline were removed. While only portions of the pipelines were removed, both of the pipelines crossing the Sheep River were removed from the licence in error.

5. The exposure of the two unlicensed lines during the 2013 flooding prompted the review of historical and licence information, resulting in the need to add these unlicensed lines to the licence.
6. ATCO also stated that it is planning to submit a subsequent application to remove the three abandoned and exposed pipelines.
7. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.
8. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.
9. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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Director, Gas Facilities  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments