

June 25, 2015

Decision 20557-D01-2015

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Curtis Meunier, E.I.T.
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**Bragg Creek West Branch Pipeline Abandonment in the Elbow River
Licence 14058
Proceeding 20557
Application 20557-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20557-A001 registered on June 22, 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* to abandon Line 19. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 14058.
2. ATCO stated that since the 60.3-millimetre Bragg Creek West Branch pipeline has become exposed in the Elbow River, ATCO was granted approval in Decision [20281-D01-2015](#)¹ to replace a section of this pipeline that crosses the river with an 88.9-millimetre section of pipeline. On May 30, 2015, ATCO abandoned Line 19 of Licence 14058 in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and the *Pipeline Rules: Alberta Regulation 91/2005*. ATCO stated that it is planning to submit a subsequent application to remove the exposed abandoned pipeline within the Elbow River.
3. 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.
4. 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.

¹ Decision 20281-D01-2015: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Elbow River Pipeline Replacement near Bragg Creek, Licence 14058, Minor pipeline project application, Proceeding 20281, April 15, 2015.

5. 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