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Decision 20560-D01-2015

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Attention: Sydney Smith, E.I.T.
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**Nevis Airdrie Transmission Pipeline Relocation Project in the Red Deer Area
Licence 2029
Proceeding 20560
Application 20560-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20560-A001 registered on June 23, 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 Township 37, Range 27, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 142 into lines 142 and 198
- removal of Line 142
- Line 198 is to remain in place as operating
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (Line 199 – 0.43 kilometres of 168.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline)
- mapping amendment of Line 141

2. The proposed work is related to the minor removal and replacement of pipe previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2029.

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 Lamont Land Inc.'s (Lamont) proposed residential development in SW 29-37-27-W4M. The total project cost is estimated at \$825,000. Lamont would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

4. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resources impact assessment since it is a Class II pipeline and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of

Alberta Culture's listing of historic resources.

5. ATCO stated that Lamont has completed topsoil stripping and would complete site grading for the entire development site, with the exception of ATCO's existing pipeline right-of-way. Topsoil stripping and grading of ATCO's proposed right-of-way would be completed by Lamont prior to pipeline construction.

6. Environmental concerns are not expected to arise from the pipeline project due to the level of disturbance of the land resulting from development. Given the disturbed nature of the relocation area, no impact to birds or their nesting habitat is expected to occur as a result of the pipeline construction. The developer would be grading the proposed right-of-way prior to construction. As a result, minimal, if any, tree clearing would be necessary to complete ATCO's pipeline relocation work. The existing right-of-way would be restored to the developer's requirement after the pipeline is 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 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 June 10, 2015. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in August of 2015.

8. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance, 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