

October 21, 2015

Decision 20901-D01-2015

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Jason Cunha, P.Eng.
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**Pipeline Splits in the Edmonton Area
Licence 2594
Proceeding 20901
Application 20901-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20901-A001 registered on October 9, 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 53, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 119 into lines 119, 299 and 300
- splitting Line 278 into lines 278 and 301

2. The proposed work is related to minor pipeline splits, within the original right-of-way, of lines previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2594.

3. ATCO stated that lines 119 and 278 were identified in its Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) application as lines to be removed from high pressure service. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision [2014-010](#).¹ As part of the overall UPR hydraulic assessment completed in coordination with ATCO Gas, ATCO determined that the functionality of the pipeline system in north Edmonton could be maintained by transferring lines 67, 69, 131 and 299 to ATCO Gas under a subsequent application for use as low-pressure distribution pipelines. The remainder of the pipelines within the city boundaries, lines 119, 278, 286 and 300, would be abandoned in place under a subsequent application.

¹ 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).

4. ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the project. Any liquids contained in the pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the abandonments.
5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Notifications were sent out to landowners and occupants on September 23, 2015. Construction is planned to begin in the winter of 2015.
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)

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment