

October 22, 2015

**Decision 20918-D01-2015**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Alex Burnside  
Project Engineer, Operations Engineering

**Rheem Transmission Pipeline Removal Project**  
**Licence 5403**  
**Proceeding 20918**  
**Application 20918-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20918-A001 registered on October 15, 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 Edmonton area:

- removal of Line 1
- mapping amendment of Line 1

2. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 5403.

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 removal 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 Gilead Alberta ULC's proposed parking lot development in the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 53, Range 23, west of the Fourth Meridian. The total project cost is estimated at \$50,000. Gilead Alberta ULC would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

4. ATCO stated that the customer that was supplied by the 60.3-millimetre high pressure pipeline has now been consolidated onto the system of the local distribution company.

5. 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 and Tourism's listing of historic resources.
6. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The pipeline alignment would be returned to its original condition in accordance with ATCO's standard backfill procedure. This alignment would be used for commercial development.
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 October 9, 2015. Pipeline construction is scheduled to begin in late October 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. ATCO has demonstrated the need for the pipeline removal and 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