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Decision 20944-D01-2015

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**Pipeline Split and Removal in the Edmonton Area
Licence 3050
Proceeding 20944
Application 20944-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 20944-A001 registered on October 21, 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:

- splitting Line 1 into lines 1 and 2
- removal of Line 2

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, for a line previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 3050.

3. ATCO stated that a third party requested the removal of a portion of an existing 42.2-millimetre pipeline, Line 2, to allow for the installation of a new pipe rack. The removal will be at ATCO's cost as stipulated in the right-of-way agreement. The total estimated cost of the removal is \$426,000.

4. ATCO stated that, as a result of the proposed removal, high-pressure service to two pressure regulating stations would be discontinued. On each of these pressure regulating stations, the final remaining customer and ATCO Gas have requested that high pressure service be discontinued.

5. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resources impact assessment, since 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 it would meet the requirements of the Guide for Pipelines pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* (Alberta Environment, 1994) and the Environmental Protection Guidelines for Pipelines (Alberta Environment, 1994). Since the pipeline is located in an existing pipeline corridor between two industrial sites, it is not expected that the removal would result in any significant impacts on the environment. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal activities and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the removal activities.

7. ATCO stated that it has notified all landowners along the right-of-way in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. There are no outstanding objections or concerns related to the removal of this pipeline. Construction operations are scheduled to start in late October or November of 2015.

8. 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.

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)

Wade Vienneau
Executive Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment