



November 13, 2015

**Decision 21005-D01-2015**

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Attention: Cindy Kwok, E.I.T.  
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**Pipeline Splits and Removals in the Pigeon Lake Area  
Licence 1829  
Proceeding 21005  
Application 21005-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21005-A001 registered on November 6, 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 Pigeon Lake area:

- splitting of Line 58 into lines 58 and 96
- splitting of Line 59 into lines 59 and 97
- removal of lines 59 and 96
- length amendment of original lines 58 and 59
- lines 58 and 97 to be abandoned under a separate application

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, for lines previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1829.

3. ATCO stated that lines 58 and 59 are no longer required since these pipelines tie into the Bonnie Glen receipt station which is no longer utilized because the producer that provided gas supply to the receipt station is no longer present. Line 58 connects the producer to the receipt station on the inlet side and Line 59 connects the receipt station to the main line. Since the receipt station is no longer required, ATCO proposed to remove the receipt station along with the sections of two 323.9-millimetre pipelines, lines 59 and 96, which are within ATCO's receipt station surface lease with the landowner. Following the removal of lines 59 and 96, lines 58 and 97 would be abandoned under a separate application.

4. ATCO stated that the total cost of the project is estimated at \$95,000.
5. ATCO stated that the surface lease would be returned to the landowner in a condition similar to that which existed prior to construction. ATCO would also 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 pipelines are located in an old industrial site, ATCO does not expect that the removal would result in any significant impact to the environment. The pipelines 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.
6. 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.
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 these pipelines. Construction operations are proposed to start in late January or February of 2016.
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)*

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

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