



December 4, 2015

**Decision 21074-D01-2015**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Alex Burnside, E.I.T.  
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**60.3-mm Tiedeman Lateral Pipeline Removal and Replacement  
Licence 9824  
Proceeding 21074  
Application 21074-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21074-A001 registered on November 24, 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 Tofield area:

- splitting Line 6 into lines 6, 20 and 21
- removal of Line 20
- lines 6 and 21 are to remain in operation
- addition of a newly constructed pipeline (Line 22 - 0.10 kilometres of 60.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline)

2. The proposed work is related to the minor removal and replacement of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 9824.

3. ATCO stated that the project is required to replace a leaking segment of the 60.3-mm aluminum Teideman lateral pipeline, which is located underwater in an unregistered water body. A new pipeline, Line 22, would be installed via horizontal directional drilling within the existing right-of-way and tied into the existing pipeline. Removal of the leaking segment, Line 20, would commence in January or February of 2016 once the water body has frozen.

4. ATCO has included an environmental protection plan (EPP) with the application and has stated that it would implement all of the recommendations included in the EPP. Any liquids contained in the existing pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal of the pipeline.

5. ATCO stated that *Historical Resources Act* clearance is not required since the affected land has not been assigned a historic resource value, according to Alberta Culture and Tourism's September 2015 listing of historic resources.
6. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and that it has obtained confirmation of non-objection from directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants.
7. ATCO stated that the total cost of the project was estimated to be \$575,000. The Commission accepts ATCO's assessment that this project meets the criteria for an abbreviated need project, as per Table 3.1 in Section 3.3 of Rule 020, since it is an ATCO replacement project where the project costs are forecast at less than \$1,000,000 and there are no unresolved interested party objections or significant environmental impacts.
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

Attachment