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Decision 21331-D01-2016

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Attention: Konstantin Kaindl, EIT
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**Pipeline Abandonments, Deletions and Reinstatement
on the Red Deer Lake Transmission System
Licences 4156 and 13128
Proceeding 21331
Applications 21331-A001 to 21331-A003**

Minor pipeline project application with record amendment

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 21331-A001, 21331-A002 and 21331-A003 registered on February 12, 2016, filed applications with the Alberta Utilities Commission under sections 11 and 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in the city of Calgary:

Pertaining to Licence 4156:

- deletion of lines 2, 3 and 4 from licence to reflect its conversion to a low pressure distribution pipeline
- mapping amendment of lines 3 and 4

Pertaining to Licence 13128:

- splitting Line 3 into lines 3 and 5
- reinstating a section of removed Line 3 as abandoned Line 5
- abandonment of Line 4
- mapping amendment of Line 4

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split, abandonment, reinstatement and pressure reduction of pipe, within the original rights-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in licences 4156 and 13128.

3. ATCO stated that it was granted approval under Decision 20792-D01-2015¹ on September 17, 2015, to split Line 3 of Licence 13128 into lines 3 and 4, remove Line 3 and reflect the abandonment of Line 4 in a subsequent application. ATCO proposed to reflect the abandonment of Line 4 in Application 21331-A003. Since a section of Line 3 that is under 37th Street S.W. could not be removed, ATCO proposed to reinstate that section as abandoned Line 5 in Application 21331-A002.

4. ATCO stated that it was granted approval under Decision 20792-D01-2015 on September 17, 2015, to remove the Red Deer Lake transmission pipeline from high pressure service by removing Line 6 and reflecting the abandonment of lines 2, 3 and 4 of Licence 4156 in a subsequent application. Customers supplied by this pipeline were to be transferred onto an existing ATCO Gas distribution system with the installation of an additional distribution main. Upon further review, ATCO Pipelines and ATCO Gas determined that the least cost alternative would be to transfer lines 2, 3 and 4 to ATCO Gas to be used as a low pressure distribution pipeline and eliminate the need for an additional distribution main. Under Application 21331-A001 ATCO proposed to reflect the transfer by deleting lines 2, 3 and 4 from Licence 4156 since the maximum operating pressure of these lines would be under 700 kilopascals.

5. In its submission, ATCO stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface site reclaimed within a year. Any liquids contained in the pipelines were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment work and no watercourses were affected.

6. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and that confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained on July 23, 2015.

7. 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 limited impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

8. 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.

¹ Decision 20792-D01-2015: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split and Removal of the Red Deer Lake Transmission System, Licences 4156 and 13128, Proceeding 20792, Applications 20792-A001 and 20792-A002, September 17, 2015.

9. The Commission approves the application. The amended licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments