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**Decision 21445-D01-2016**

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**Pipeline Split and Removal in the Calgary Area**  
**Licence 1189**  
**Proceeding 21445**  
**Application 21445-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21445-A001 registered on March 21, 2016, 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 city of Calgary:

- splitting of line 9 into lines 9 and 11
- line 9 is to be abandoned in place and then recorded as abandoned under a future application
- line 11 is to be converted to a low-pressure distribution pipeline and then deleted from the licence under a future application
- removal of line 7

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1189.

3. ATCO stated that lines 2, 9, 10 and 11 of Licence 1189, known as the Fish Creek Sewage Plant Lateral pipeline, were identified in its Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) program<sup>1</sup> as lines to be removed from high-pressure service. As part of the overall UPR hydraulic assessment completed in coordination with ATCO Gas, it was determined that functionality of the distribution system in Calgary could be maintained by transferring a portion of the original line 9, to be referred to as line 11 after the split, to ATCO Gas for use as a low-pressure

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617, January 17, 2014 (Errata issued on February 21, 2014).

distribution pipeline. The remainder of the pipeline, lines 2, 9 and 10 of Licence 1189, would be abandoned in place.

4. ATCO also proposed to remove a small high-pressure tap at LSD 4, Section 36, Township 22, Range 1, west of the Fifth Meridian, which would result in the removal of line 7 of Licence 1189.

5. ATCO stated that any liquids contained in the pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

6. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work has occurred in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

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 no significant 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.

9. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment