

April 26, 2016

**Decision 21499-D01-2016**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
7210 – 42 Street N.W.  
Edmonton, AB T6B 3H1

Attention: Alex Burnside  
Project Engineer, Operations Engineering

**Pipeline Removal near Purple Springs**  
**Licence 2027**  
**Proceeding 21499**  
**Application 21499-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21499-A001 registered on April 8, 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* to remove line 171. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2027.
2. ATCO stated that the original 406.4-mm Mainline East transmission pipeline was installed in 1912. The pipeline was abandoned in 1985 and was approved to be removed in 1988. However, a 40 metre long section of the 406.4-mm pipeline was left in place under a wetland and was added back on the licence under Decision 21407-D01-2016<sup>1</sup> as abandoned line 171. The adjacent landowner intends to build a house on ATCO's fee simple right-of-way. ATCO requires that the 40 metre section must be removed to allow amalgamation of the fee simple right-of-way back into the original land title.
3. ATCO stated that the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$5,000. The adjacent landowner would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.
4. ATCO stated that the work would take place within a Class III wetland and it had submitted notification to the Alberta Energy Regulator on March 4, 2016, in accordance with the code of practice for pipelines and telecommunication lines crossing a waterbody. The wetland is expected to be dry at the time of construction. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

---

<sup>1</sup> Decision 21407-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline near Purple Springs, Licence 2027, Proceeding 21407, Application 21407-A001, March 22, 2016.

5. ATCO stated that the project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since it involves a Class II pipeline and the affected land is not referenced in Alberta Culture and Tourism's latest listing of historical 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 landowners and occupants directly and adversely affected by this project.
7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited 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)*

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

Attachment