

May 6, 2016

Decision 21518-D01-2016

AltaGas Utilities Inc.
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Attention: Jayne Blinzer, P. Eng.
Design Engineer

New Construction
Licence 203
Proceeding 21518
Application 21518-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas), by Application 21518-A001 registered on April 15, 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 install 50 metres of 60.3-millimetre outside diameter steel pipeline in LSD 8, Section 30, Township 67, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian. The newly constructed pipeline would be installed from an existing meter station in LSD 8, Section 30, Township 67, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian to a tie-in point on the existing NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) pipeline in LSD 8, Section 30, Township 67, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed new construction is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 203.
2. AltaGas stated that its existing meter and regulation station requires replacement due to the age of the building and equipment. The existing station site, which is located in LSD 15, Section 24, Township 67, Range 18, west of the Fourth Meridian, is prone to flooding and is within 30 metres of the Highway 63 right-of-way. AltaGas also indicated that instead of replacing the meter and regulation station at the existing site, a new station would be installed at its existing meter station site in LSD 8, Section 30, Township 67, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian.
3. AltaGas stated that the project was filed in AltaGas Utilities Inc.'s 2014 Capital Tracker True-Up and 2016-2017 Capital Tracker Forecast Application and approved in Decision 20522-D02-2016 for a cost of \$372,400.¹
4. AltaGas stated that the new pipeline would be installed using horizontal directional drilling. At the bell holes all soils would be separated into topsoil and subsoil as necessary and

¹ Decision 20522-D02-2016: AltaGas 2014 Capital Tracker True-Up and 2016-2017 Capital Tracker Forecast, Proceeding 20522, January 21, 2016, 7.2.4.1 PMS Stations, Table 18 PMS Stations-2016 forecast costs, PDF page 54 of 105.

stored appropriately to prevent co-mingling of the soil types. In the back fill phase, the stored topsoil and subsoil would be returned to their original layers.

5. AltaGas stated that it is not aware of any contamination at the existing AT074 station site at this time. Once all the above and below grade facilities are removed from the site as part of the retirement AltaGas would investigate to determine the extent, if any, of station site contamination. This investigation would consist of a phase I environmental site assessment, which consists of a review of site documentation and information, and a follow up phase II environmental site assessment which consists of drilling holes and obtaining soil samples to confirm or deny the presence of any contamination at the site and delineation of such contamination as required. If it is determined that there is contamination at this site, AltaGas would ensure that the site is remediated to meet current guidelines. The final step of the process would be to apply for a reclamation certificate.

6. AltaGas stated that the predicted noise levels would be in compliance with the permissible sound level as specified in Rule 012:*Noise Control* and has provided a noise impact assessment summary form.² The Commission finds that the proposed regulating station is compliant with Rule 012.

7. AltaGas stated that there are no environmentally significant areas or historical sites in or near the project area that would be affected.

8. AltaGas stated that all landowners and occupants have been given written notification of the proposed construction, including a general description of the project. All landowners and occupants have given confirmation of non-objection.

9. AltaGas has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance, 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.

10. Based upon the information provided, AltaGas 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.

11. 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

² Exhibit 21518-X001 – Noise impact assessment summary form.