

May 9, 2016

Decision 21537-D01-2016

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Pipeline Splits in the Calgary Area
Licence 2027
Proceeding 21537
Application 21537-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21537-A001 registered on April 25, 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 Calgary area:
 - splitting line 12 into lines 12, 172 and 173
 - splitting line 113 into lines 113 and 174
 - splitting line 117 into lines 117 and 175
 - mapping amendment of original lines 113 and 117
2. The proposed work is related to minor pipeline splits, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2027.
3. ATCO stated that lines 12, 113 and 117 were identified in its Urban Pipeline Replacement application as lines to be removed from high pressure service. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision 2014-010.¹ As part of the overall UPR hydraulic assessment completed in coordination with ATCO Gas, it was determined that the functionality of the distribution system in Calgary could be maintained by transferring lines 113, 117 and 173 to ATCO Gas for use as low-pressure distribution pipelines and deleting these lines from Licence 2027 under a subsequent application. Line 172 would be abandoned in place under a subsequent application. Lines 12, 174 and 175 would remain in service.

¹ 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).

4. ATCO stated that the Mainline North (South Section), line 173, crosses the Fish Creek watercourse and that no additional environmental approvals are required since all work would take place more than 30 metres from the bed and banks of the river.
5. ATCO stated that notification to landowners and occupants for this work has occurred in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Notifications were sent to landowners and occupants and allowed for the minimum 14 day notification response period prior to submitting this application. Ministerial consent for the project was granted on April 12, 2016.² Construction is planned to begin in late May 2016.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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

Attachment

² Exhibit 21537-X0006, Ministerial Consent.