

June 20, 2016

Decision 21685-D01-2016

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Edmonton Urban Pipeline Replacement Project Abandonments and Low-Pressure Transfers
Licence 2594
Proceeding 21685
Application 21685-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21685-A001 registered on June 3, 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 Edmonton:

- delete lines 67, 69, 131 and 299 from the licence
- abandon lines 119, 278, 286 and 300
- ‘From Location’ LSD and section amendment of Line 67
- mapping amendment of lines 67 and 69

2. The completed work is related to the minor abandonment of pipelines and conversion of pipelines to low-pressure distribution (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2594.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 20901-D01-2015,¹ sections of the existing 323.9-millimetre North Edmonton Loop Pipeline and 168.3-millimetre Leon’s Extension Pipeline were approved to be abandoned, or transferred to ATCO Gas for distribution-pressure service, as part of the

¹ Decision 20901-D01-2015: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Splits in the Edmonton Area, Licence 2594, Minor pipeline project application, Proceeding 20901, Application 20901-A001, October 21, 2015.

Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) project. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision 2014-010.²

4. ATCO stated that the scope of this specific project included the removal of 1,030 metres of the 323.9-millimetre North Edmonton Loop Pipeline and 3,150 metres of the 168.3-millimetre Leon's Extension Pipeline from high-pressure service. Approximately 130 metres of the 323.9-millimetre pipeline, line 299, and 3,150 metres of the 168.3-millimetre pipeline, lines 67, 69 and 131, were transferred to ATCO Gas for use as a low-pressure distribution pipeline to maintain gas supply to the area. The remaining 900 metres of the 323.9-millimetre pipeline, lines 119, 278, 286 and 300, were abandoned. On April 7, 2016, all abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities were completed according to Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements.

5. ATCO stated that no watercourse crossings were affected by the abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

6. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants regarding this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020 on September 23, 2015.

7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved limited ground disturbance and was within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work was 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 was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place were likely directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was 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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment

² 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.