

June 23, 2016

Decision 21682-D01-2016

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Chris Johnson, P. Eng.
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Record Amendment in the Hobbema Area
Licence 2526
Proceeding 21682
Application 21682-A001

Record amendment application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21682-A001 registered on June 3, 2016, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in the Hobbema area:

- splitting line 152 into line 152 and line 175 through line 207
- amending the status of lines 152, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204 and 206 from removed to abandoned
- length amendment of original line 152 from 8.96 kilometres to 9.27 kilometres

2. ATCO stated this application is in relation to work undertaken in accordance with Proceeding 2723 and the associated Decision 2013-372.¹ In that proceeding, line 152 on Licence 2526 was approved to be removed from LSD 4, Section 3, Township 45, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian to LSD 7, Section 12, Township 44, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian, however, in that proceeding it was noted that the final decision for abandonment in place versus pipeline removal would be made on a site specific manner including input from the Samson and Erminskin Cree Nations. The reason for this application is to reinstate those portions of line 152 that were abandoned in place rather than removed. ATCO stated that it continually reviews and updates licence information so that the most accurate information is reflected on the pipeline licence.

3. ATCO originally planned to complete a full removal of the vintage pipeline, subsequent to the completion of the replacement pipeline, however through negotiations with Samson Cree Nation and Erminskin Cree Nation it was determined that segments of the vintage pipeline would be abandoned in place to avoid disturbance to existing roads and environmentally

¹ Decision 2013-372: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South), Southern Extension Replacement Phase 2B and 2C Samson and Erminskin Reservations, Proceeding 2723, Application 1609764, October 7, 2013.

sensitive areas. ATCO stated that approval from both the Samson and Erminskin Cree Nations prior to pipeline removal and abandonment was obtained as documentation of the agreement.

4. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2526.

5. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

6. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.

7. 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