

July 12, 2016

Decision 21740-D01-2016

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Attention: Dobry Mihov, P. Eng.
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**Calgary Urban Pipeline Replacement Project
Abandonments and Low-Pressure Transfer
Licence 1189
Proceeding 21740
Applications 21740-A001 and 21740-A002**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 21740-A001 and 21740-A002 registered on June 22, 2016, filed applications with the Alberta Utilities Commission under sections 11 and 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in the city of Calgary:

- delete line 11 from the licence
- abandon lines 2, 9 and 10
- amend the pipe status of line 6 from operating to abandoned

2. The completed work is related to the minor abandonment of pipelines and conversion of a pipeline to low-pressure gas distribution (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1189.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 21445-D01-2016,¹ sections of the existing 88.9-millimetre Fish Creek Sewage Plant Lateral Pipeline were approved to be abandoned, or transferred to ATCO Gas for distribution-pressure service, as part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) project. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision 2014-010.²

¹ Decision 21445-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split and Removal in the Calgary Area, Licence 1189, Minor pipeline project application, Proceeding 21445, Application 21445-A001, April 4, 2016.

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.

4. ATCO stated that the scope of this specific project included the removal of 3,250 metres of the 88.9-millimetre Fish Creek Sewage Plant Lateral Pipeline from high-pressure service. This pipeline provided service to two ATCO Gas pressure regulating stations in the city of Calgary. ATCO Pipelines completed an assessment in coordination with ATCO Gas and determined that approximately 920 metres of the 88.9-millimetre pipeline, line 11, would be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as a low-pressure distribution pipeline to maintain gas supply to the area. One of the existing gate stations was abandoned and removed from service, and the other was converted to a low-pressure regulating station. The remaining 2,330 metres of the 88.9-millimetre pipeline, lines 2, 9 and 10, were abandoned. On April 22, 2016, all abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities were completed according to Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements.

5. ATCO also stated that after reviewing its records it was determined that line 6 of Licence 1189 was abandoned in 2008 and therefore has missed the 90-day notification window allowed by the AUC.

6. ATCO stated that the 88.9-millimetre Fish Creek Sewage Plant Lateral pipe crossing the Fish Creek watercourse was abandoned in place. Additional environmental approvals were not required since all work took place more than 30 metres from the bed and banks of Fish Creek. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

7. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants regarding this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020. ATCO sent notifications to affected landowners and occupants and allowed for the minimum 14-day notification response period prior to conducting work activities.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence documents are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments