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Decision 21788-D01-2016

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**Transfer to Low-Pressure Distribution Service and Record Amendments
Licences 2027, 2186, 6453, 8993, 13256 and 18391
Proceeding 21788
Applications 21788-A001 to 21788-A007**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 21788-A001 to 21788-A007 registered on July 6, 2016, filed an application 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:

Pertaining to Licence 2027:

- amendment of pipe status of line 172 from abandoned to removed
- deletion of lines 113, 114, 117 and 173 from the licence

Pertaining to Licence 2186:

- pipe grade and stress level amendment of line 1
- deletion of line 1 from the licence

Pertaining to Licence 6453:

- deletion of lines 1 and 2 from the licence

Pertaining to Licence 8993:

- deletion of line 1 from the licence

Pertaining to Licence 13256:

- deletion of line 1 from the licence

Pertaining to Licence 18391:

- deletion of lines 1, 2, 3 and 4 from the licence

2. The completed work is related to the minor record amendments 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 licences 2027, 2186, 6453, 8993, 13256 and 18391.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 21537-D01-2016,¹ sections of various pipelines were approved to be 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 The scope of the project included the removal of 16.99 kilometres of pipelines from high-pressure service. These pipelines provided service to several ATCO Gas pressure regulating stations in south Calgary. These stations no longer require high-pressure natural gas service. ATCO completed an assessment and determined that these pipelines would be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as part of its low-pressure distribution system to maintain gas supply to the area.

4. ATCO stated that line 172 of Licence 2027 was previously expected to be abandoned. At the time of construction, it was determined that removal of this pipe section was more desirable than abandonment since removal would reduce the amount of unneeded buried infrastructure within the Calgary transportation utility corridor. Conditions during construction allowed for removal of the section of pipe. There were no environmental impacts resulting from this pipe removal.

5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants regarding this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Ministerial Consent for low-pressure conversion activities within the Calgary transportation utility corridor was granted on April 12, 2016. All low-pressure conversion activities were completed on June 5, 2016 in accordance with Rule 020 requirements.

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 project was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place were directly affected by the project, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.

¹ Decision 21357-D01-2016: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits in the Calgary Area, Proceeding 21537, Application 21537-A001, May 9, 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.

8. The Commission approves the application. The amended licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments