

September 19, 2016

Decision 21959-D01-2016

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Attention: Alex Burnside, E.I.T.
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Pipeline Split and Removal in the Canmore Area
Licence 1950
Proceeding 21959
Application 21959-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21959-A001 registered on September 2, 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:

- splitting of line 137 into lines 137, 155, 156, 157 and 158
- removal of lines 155 and 157

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and subsequently abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1950.

3. ATCO stated that two developers, Premier Building Solutions and Big Moose Developments Ltd., have requested that the 100-metre sections of the abandoned 168.3-millimetre Banff Transmission Pipeline within their properties be removed. Big Moose Developments Ltd. will remove a 100-metre long section of the pipeline, line 155, and Premier Building Solutions will remove a 100-metre long section of the pipeline, line 157. ATCO Pipelines will monitor the developers' removal of the sections of pipeline, which is scheduled to begin in September of 2016 upon receipt of approval from Alberta Culture and Tourism and the Alberta Utilities Commission.

4. ATCO stated that the need for the project has not been established in a previous submission. However, the total cost is estimated at \$160,000 and the two developers will be responsible for 100 per cent of the removal costs. The need for this project is evident by the developers' willingness to pay for it.

5. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.

6. ATCO stated that a search of historical resources listings, maintained by Alberta Culture and Tourism, identified a historical resource within the project area. ATCO applied to Alberta Culture and Tourism for *Historical Resources Act* clearance for this project on August 11, 2016 and is waiting for approval. Any conditions brought forward by Alberta Culture and Tourism would be followed. Removal activities will not take place until ATCO has received Alberta Culture and Tourism approval.
7. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this project has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.
8. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited 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.
9. 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.
10. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission