

September 27, 2016

**Decision 21972-D01-2016**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Justin Middleton, E.I.T.  
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**Southern Extension Pipeline Split and Removal in the Camrose Area**  
**Licence 2526**  
**Proceeding 21972**  
**Application 21792-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 21792-A001 registered on September 8, 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 Camrose area:
  - splitting of line 1 into lines 1, 208, 209, 210 and 211
  - lines 1, 209 and 211 are to be abandoned in place and then recorded as abandoned under a subsequent application
  - removal of lines 208 and 210
2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2526.
3. ATCO stated that the approval of the need for the Southern Extension Phase 3 project was included in ATCO's 2008-2009 Phase 1 general rate application, which was a negotiated settlement.<sup>1</sup> The facility installation for Phase 3 of the Southern Extension project was approved in Decision 2011-129.<sup>2</sup>
4. ATCO stated that it replaced the existing vintage 219.1-millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline in 2012 with a 62.5-kilometre long 219.1-millimetre pipeline from Gwynne to Poe as Phase 3 of the Southern Extension Replacement Project. Phase 3 of the vintage Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline is to be abandoned in place, under a subsequent application, from LSD 1, Section 35, Township 49, Range 17, west of the Fourth Meridian to

<sup>1</sup> Application 1527976.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2011-129: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – New Construction Townships 46, 47, 48 and 49, Ranges 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, West of the Fourth Meridian, Proceeding 1088, Application 1607026, April 1, 2011.

LSD 8, Section 27, Township 46 Range 22, west of the Fourth Meridian, with the exception of two sections proposed to be removed. The removal of two pipeline segments, lines 208 and 210, is required due to shallow depth of cover and landowner requests during negotiations.

5. An environmental site assessment and report was completed for the existing pipeline by TERA Environmental Consultants. ATCO stated that it would implement all recommendations included in the environmental report.<sup>3</sup> No pipeline removal activities would take place within any watercourses or wetlands. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The topsoil would be stripped and stored, and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned. Since right-of-way coverage would be maintained over the existing pipeline, no reclamation certificate is required at this time.

6. ATCO stated that it applied to Alberta Culture and Tourism for *Historical Resources Act* clearance for this project and is waiting for approval. Any conditions brought forward by Alberta Culture and Tourism would be followed and removal activities would not take place until ATCO has received approval from Alberta Culture and Tourism.

7. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements. Confirmation of non-objection from directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants has been obtained. Prior to construction, additional project courtesy notifications would be provided to other landowners who are in close proximity to the project location, but are not directly affected by the project. Construction operations are scheduled to begin in October of 2016 upon receipt of approval from Alberta Culture and Tourism.

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)*

Brian Shand, P. Eng.  
Director, Gas Facilities  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment

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<sup>3</sup> Exhibit 21972-X0011, Environmental Site Assessment Report.