

October 6, 2016

Decision 22015-D01-2016

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Attention: Matt Weran, E.I.T.

Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering

Pipeline in the MacKay Area Licence 788 Proceeding 22015 Application 22015-A001

Record amendment application

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22015-A001 registered on September 23, 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:
 - pipe status amendment of lines 100 and 143 from abandoned to removed
 - mapping amendment of line 142
- 2. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 788.
- 3. ATCO submitted that, in Decision 21349-D01-2016,¹ an abandoned pipeline, line 100 of Licence 788, was split into lines 100, 142 and 143. The scope of the project included the removal of line 142, which was exposed in Little Brule Creek. ATCO explained that efficiencies during construction allowed the entire abandoned pipe to be removed, including lines 100 and 143. The removal was completed on June 1, 2016 in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements.
- 4. ATCO confirmed that all of the recommendations in the environmental protection plan, submitted in the original proceeding, were implemented. The pipeline was tested for liquids and was cleaned with foam cleaning pigs prior to removal, to ensure that any potential liquids were properly disposed of.
- 5. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners, occupants and stakeholders for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020. As the site is fully within Crown land, a temporary field authorization was applied for and acquired for all workspace. Notification of landowners, occupants, and stakeholders within a 0.2-kilometre radius was completed.

Decision 21349-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) - Split and Removal of an Abandoned Pipeline in Little Brule Creek, Proceeding 21349, Application 21349-A001, March 3, 2016.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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