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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
Pipelines Engineering Clerk

Pipeline Removal to Allow for Future Development
Permit and Licence No. 1670
Application No. 1609292
Proceeding ID No. 2431

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609292 registered on February 11, 2013, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in Township 53, Range 25, west of the Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 10 into lines 10, 29 and 30
- removal of Line 29
- lines 10 and 30 are to be abandoned under a separate application

The proposed work is related to minor split and removal of existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1670.

ATCO stated that the ATCO 168.3 millimetre Stony Plain industrial lateral is no longer required and is to be abandoned. The 1.74 kilometre lateral runs from its tie-in point on the ATCO Pipelines 168.3 millimetre Acheson transmission pipeline in 01-06-53-25-W4M to an abandoned ATCO Gas gate station in 01-07-53-25-W4M. All above ground facilities will be removed. A developer has requested that a 400 metre segment of the 168.3 millimetre Stony Plain industrial lateral in 16-06-53-25-W4M be removed to accommodate future development. This removal project is at the cost of the developer. Under a separate application, once the work has been completed, ATCO would file for the abandonment of lines 10 and 30.

ATCO also stated that this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment since it is a Class II pipeline and the proposed area of work is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's Listing of Historic Resources. There are no watercourse crossings that will be affected by the removal activities. Any liquids contained in the pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

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.

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.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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

Attachment