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Attention: Wayne Snyder, P. Eng.
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Pipeline Removal in the City of Lacombe
Permit and Licence No. 2526
Application No. 1609636
Proceeding ID No. 2633

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609636, registered on May 31, 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 the city of Lacombe:

- Amend the length of Line 118 from 10.80 kilometres to 10.76 kilometres.
- Splitting Line 118 into lines 118, 145 and 146.
- Removal of Line 145.
- Lines 118 and 146 to be left in place as abandoned.

The proposed work is related to the minor split, removal and record amendment of abandoned pipe, within the original right-of-way, for a pipeline previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2526.

ATCO proposed to split Line 118 into lines 118, 145 and 146 and remove a portion of the previously abandoned pipeline as Line 145. Line 146 represents the remainder of Line 118 that remains in place south of the subject pipe removal. Line 118 now represents the portion of the abandoned line remaining north of Line 145.

ATCO stated that it replaced the original 168.3 millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline through Lacombe as part of the Southern Extension Replacement Project. The vintage pipeline was replaced under the new Southern Extension Replacement Project and abandoned in place. Subsequently, the City of Lacombe requested ATCO to remove a portion of the abandoned pipeline to facilitate the development of commercial properties in the area of the abandoned pipeline. ATCO stated that the City of Lacombe would be responsible for all costs associated with this project as per contractual terms with the City of Lacombe.

ATCO stated it would cut and cap the blank ends of the abandoned pipeline after the removal is completed. Any liquids recovered from the section of pipeline would be captured and properly disposed of.

ATCO also stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by removal of the abandoned pipeline.

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 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", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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

Attachment