

November 21, 2016

**Decision 22138-D01-2016**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Gregory Lightheart, E.I.T.  
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**Transfer to Low-Pressure Distribution Service, Abandonment, and  
Record Amendment in the Calgary Area  
Licence 5895  
Proceeding 22138  
Applications 22138-A001 and 22138-A002**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 22138-A001 and 22138-A002, registered on November 2, 2016, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under sections 11 and 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- deletion of lines 127 and 196 from the licence
- abandonment of line 195
- amendment of pipe status of line 128 from operating to removed

2. The completed work is related to the minor record amendment of a pipeline and abandonment and conversion of pipelines to low-pressure distribution service (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 5895.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 21532-D01-2016,<sup>1</sup> sections of various pipelines were approved to be transferred to ATCO Gas for distribution-pressure service, as part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) project. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision 2014-010.<sup>2</sup>

4. ATCO stated that line 128 of Licence 5895 was previously expected to be abandoned. At the time of construction, ATCO determined that removal of this pipe section was preferable to abandonment since removal would reduce the amount of buried infrastructure within the Calgary

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 21532-D01-2016: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits in the Calgary Area, Proceeding 21532, Application 21532-A001, May 9, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617, January 17, 2014. Errata issued on February 21, 2014.

transportation utility corridor. Conditions during construction allowed for removal of the section of pipe. There were no environmental impacts resulting from this pipe removal.

5. ATCO stated that notification to landowners and occupants regarding this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Ministerial Consent for low-pressure conversion activities within the Calgary transportation utility corridor was granted on March 13, 2015, with an expiry date of March 13, 2017. All low-pressure conversion activities were completed on September 14, 2016, in accordance with Rule 020 requirements.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. The Commission approves the application. The amended licences are attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments