

November 24, 2016

Decision 22165-D01-2016

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Davis Wang, E.I.T.
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**Pipeline Abandonments near Hinton
Licence 625
Proceeding 22165
Application 22165-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22165-A001, registered on November 10, 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* to abandon lines 42 and 43. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 625.
2. ATCO stated that it received approval in Decision 21923-D01-2016¹ to remove the Hinton Compressor Station (installation 3 of Licence 625) and indicated in its application that lines 42 and 43 would be abandoned in a subsequent application since these lines operated as the suction and discharge lines for the compressor and are no longer required. Therefore, ATCO is proceeding with the application to register the abandonment of lines 42 and 43 of Licence 625, that was completed on October 26, 2016, in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.
3. ATCO stated that no water crossings were affected by the abandonment and that any liquids encountered during the abandonment process were captured and properly disposed of.
4. ATCO indicated that consultation was completed in accordance with Rule 020 requirements with no concerns received from affected landowners and occupants. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO on August 23, 2016.
5. 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.

¹ Decision 21923-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Removal of the Hinton Compressor Station, Licence 625, Proceeding 21923, Application 21923-A001, September 20, 2016.

6. 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.

7. 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