

January 27, 2017

Decision 22335-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) 7210 – 42 Street N.W. Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1

Attention: Alex Burnside, P. Eng.

Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering

Pipeline Removal Near the Town of Stony Plain Licence 7317 Proceeding 22335 Application 22335-A001

Minor pipeline project application

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22335-A001 registered on January 16, 2017, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the removal of line 6 near the town of Stony Plain. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of an existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 7317.
- 2. ATCO proposed to remove 50 metres of the 42.2-millimetre high pressure natural gas lateral pipeline, line 6; a high pressure riser and an ATCO Gas pressure regulating station to accommodate a request from the town of Stony Plain, since the pipeline and associated facilities are in conflict with a road widening project proposed by the town. The total project cost is estimated at \$130,000. The Town of Stony Plain would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.
- 3. ATCO stated that the customer who was supplied by the 42.2-millimetre high pressure pipeline is now serviced from the distribution system of ATCO Gas.
- 4. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resources impact assessment since the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Tourism's listing of historic resources.
- 5. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.
- 6. ATCO stated that the consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and that the landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

- 7. 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 Commission accepts ATCO's submission that the need for the project has arisen from a request from the Town of Stony Plain to accommodate a road widening project and that the full cost of the project will be borne by the town.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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