

March 28, 2017

**Decision 22477-D01-2017**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Ben Robinson, E.I.T.  
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**Pipeline Removal near Vermilion**  
**Licence 37159**  
**Proceeding 22477**  
**Application 22477-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22477-A001 registered on March 15, 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* to remove line 1. The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 37159.
2. ATCO stated that the Swimming Pond Receipt Lateral Pipeline, line 1, was constructed in 2001. Because the producer is no longer flowing gas, ATCO proposed to remove the 88.9-millimetre riser and the 140-metre long 88.9-millimetre lateral pipeline. Given the length, diameter, and location of the pipeline, the estimated cost of removal is equivalent to the estimated cost of abandonment. Therefore, removal was selected in order to eliminate future operational costs that would be associated with an abandoned pipeline. The total cost is estimated at \$75,000.
3. ATCO stated that the pipeline removal does not require a historical resource impact assessment since the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Tourism's listing of historic resources.
4. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.
5. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.
6. 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.

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 licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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

Attachment