

March 29, 2017

**Decision 22478-D01-2017** 

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Attention: Olivia Craig, Co-op Student

Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering

Pipeline on the Samson Reserve Licences 2526 and 7205 Proceeding 22478 Applications 22478-A001 and 22478-A002

## **Record amendment application**

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22478-A001 registered on March 16, 2017, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following on the Samson Reserve:
  - pipe status amendment of line 169 of Licence 2526 from operating to not constructed
  - pipe status amendment of line 2 of Licence 7205 from operating to abandoned
- 2. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in licences 2526 and 7205.
- 3. ATCO stated that, after obtaining approval in Decision 2013-372, it replaced a portion of the 219.1 millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline that was located within the Samson and Ermineskin reserves. As a part of the replacement project, all existing high-pressure laterals serving distribution customer taps were proposed to be tied-in to the new 219.1 millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline. This included installing 0.13 kilometres of 60.3 millimetre pipe which was approved in Decision DA2014-5. Line 169 was 0.02 kilometres long and was included in the 0.13 kilometres of 60.3 millimetre pipe approved in Decision DA2014-5. During construction of the project, it was determined that one of the approved high-pressure delivery laterals, line 169 of Licence 2526, was no longer required since ATCO Gas had disconnected all facilities from the existing high-pressure 26.7 millimetre lateral, line 2 of Licence 7205. ATCO had earlier proposed to connect the 26.7 millimetre lateral to the new 219.1 millimetre Southern Extension Transmission Pipeline by constructing line 169 of License 2526. Because the 26.7 millimetre lateral was abandoned, line 169 was not constructed.

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Decision 2013-372: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Southern Extension Replacement Phase 2B and 2C, Licence 2526, Proceeding 2723, Application 1609764, October 7, 2013.

Decision DA2014-5: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – New Construction, Licence 2526, Proceeding 3017, Application 1610231, January 15, 2014.

The existing 26.7 millimetre high-pressure lateral (License 7205, line 2) was abandoned during the construction of this project in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.

- 4. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.
- 5. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.
- 6. 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