

March 30, 2017

Decision 22489-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Konstantin Kaindl, EIT
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House Mountain Pipeline in the Swan Hills Area
Licence 20102
Proceeding 22489
Application 22489-A001

Record amendment application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22489-A001 registered on March 21, 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* to amend the status of line 1 in the Swan Hills area from operating to removed.
2. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 20102.
3. The abandonment of the House Mountain Transmission Pipeline was approved in Decision 22473-D01-2017.¹ ATCO stated that during the abandonment it was found to be advantageous to remove a 30-metre segment of 60.3-millimetre pipe located within the Inverness River Receipt Station site, line 1 of Licence 20102. The pipeline was wholly contained within the existing surface lease of the site. The majority of that pipeline segment was required to be excavated during construction to complete pipeline abandonment requirements at the tie-in location and station site. At that time, ATCO determined that it was efficient to remove the entire 30-metre segment of pipeline. During the removal, ATCO gathered and properly disposed of any liquids present in the pipe. Ground disturbance was minimized and ATCO complied with environmental regulations and industry best practices to minimize any environmental impact. No watercourses or wetlands were affected by the removal work.
4. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment.
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.

¹ Decision 22473-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Abandonment of the House Mountain Transmission Pipeline, Proceeding 22473, Application 22473-A001, March 28, 2017.

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