

May 23, 2017

**Decision 22631-D01-2017**

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Attention: Jason Cunha, P. Eng.  
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**Pipeline Splits in the Edmonton Area**  
**Licence 3861**  
**Proceeding 22631**  
**Application 22631-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22631-A001 registered on May 4, 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 following in the city of Edmonton:

- splitting line 51 into lines 51 and 89
- splitting line 68 into lines 68 and 90
- length amendment of original line 51

2. The proposed work is related to minor splits of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 3861.

3. ATCO stated that the project is identified in ATCO's Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) application, Proceeding 1995,<sup>1</sup> as lines to be removed from high-pressure service. As part of the overall UPR hydraulic assessment completed in coordination with ATCO Gas, it was determined that functionality of the distribution system in southwest Edmonton could be maintained by transferring lines 12, 13, 41, 42, 56, 57, 68 and 89 to ATCO Gas to use as low-pressure distribution pipelines. The remainder of the pipeline, line 90 of Licence 3861 and line 3 of Licence 7317, would be abandoned in place on a subsequent application. The line splits are required to facilitate this project.

4. ATCO stated that during construction it would comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (Alberta Environment, 1994) and industry best practices. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the project. ATCO stated

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617, January 17, 2014. Errata issued on February 21, 2014.

any liquids contained in the pipeline would be captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Notifications were sent out to landowners and occupants on March 17, 2017. Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2017.

6. 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.

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