

May 18, 2017

Decision 22638-D01-2017

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Attention: Matt Weran, E.I.T.
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Pipeline Split in the Morleyville Area
Licence 16829
Proceeding 22638
Application 22638-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22638-A001 registered on May 8, 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 split line 1 into lines 1 and 2 in the Morleyville area. The proposed work is related to the minor split of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 16829.
2. ATCO stated the pipeline was installed in 1979 to accept gas from a receipt station. The receipt station is no longer flowing and will be removed. Line 2 will be abandoned in place between the receipt station and the last customer tap on the pipeline in order to eliminate the dead-leg.
3. ATCO stated that during the abandonment work, it would comply with the requirements of the Guide for Pipelines pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (Alberta Environment, 1994) and industry best practices. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to abandonment activities and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. Any excavated topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.
4. ATCO stated that this project does not require a historical resource impact assessment as 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 consultation with landowners, occupants, and stakeholders for the future abandonment work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Construction operations are scheduled to start late May or early June of 2017.

6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited 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