

June 21, 2017

Decision 22717-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)
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Attention: Alex Burnside, P. Eng.
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**Removal of a Section of the Turner Valley Branch Line No. 2 Transmission Pipeline
Licence 1594
Proceeding 22717
Application 22717-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application 22717-A001 registered on June 5, 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 Calgary area:

- splitting of line 2 into lines 2, 5 and 6
- removal of line 5
- length amendment of original line 2 from 4.28 kilometres to 3.89 kilometres
- mapping amendment of original line 2

2. The proposed work is related to the split and removal of previously abandoned pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1594.

3. ATCO stated that a developer, United Communities, has requested that the 1,000 meter long section of the previously abandoned 273.1 millimeter Turner Valley Branch Line No. 2 Transmission Pipeline within its property be removed. ATCO would monitor the removal of the pipeline by the developer.

4. ATCO stated the need for the project has not been established in a previous submission. The project cost is forecast at \$110,000. The developer would be responsible for 100 per cent of the removal costs.

5. A search of historical resources listings, maintained by Alberta Culture and Tourism, revealed a historical resource within the project area. ATCO applied to Alberta Culture for *Historical Resources Act* clearance for this project on April 24, 2017 and obtained the approved clearance on May 5, 2017.

6. ATCO stated the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.

7. ATCO stated consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Construction operations are scheduled to begin in June or July of 2017.
8. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. The Commission accepts ATCO's explanation of the need for 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.
9. 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.
10. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the regulatory treatment of the costs of the assets to be removed, retired or abandoned pursuant to the application, the costs incurred in carrying out these activities, or the associated rate implications. 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