

June 26, 2017

**Decision 22721-D01-2017**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
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Attention: Dobry Mihov, P. Eng.  
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**Transfers to Low-Pressure Distribution Service and Record Amendments in the  
City of Calgary  
Licences 5895 and 10946  
Proceeding 22721  
Applications 22721-A001 and 22721-A002**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by applications 22721-A001 and 22721-A002 registered on June 7, 2017, filed applications 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 Calgary:

Pertaining to Licence 5895:

- deletion of lines 37, 99, 101, 109, 110, 158, 159 and 199
- length amendment of line 158 from 3.10 kilometres to the revised length of 3.24 kilometres
- length amendment of line 159 from 0.80 kilometres to the revised length of 0.96 kilometres
- mapping amendment of lines 108 and 114

Pertaining to Licence 10946:

- deletion of line 2
- length amendment of line 2 from 0.08 kilometres to the revised length of 0.10 kilometres

2. The completed work is related to the minor record amendments of pipelines and conversions of pipelines to low-pressure gas distribution, less than 700 kilopascals, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in licences 5895 and 10946.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 21962-D01-2016,<sup>1</sup> sections of various pipelines were identified to be transferred to ATCO Gas for distribution-pressure service, as part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) project. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved the need for the UPR project in Decision 2014-010.<sup>2</sup>

4. The scope of this application includes the removal of 8.24 kilometres of pipelines from high-pressure service. ATCO completed an assessment and determined that 8.14 km of these pipelines would be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as part of its low-pressure distribution system to maintain gas supply to the area and the remaining 0.10 km would be abandoned.

5. ATCO stated that no environmental approvals are required as no watercourses or other environmental restrictions have been identified as part of this application.

6. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants regarding this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. ATCO sent notifications to affected landowners and occupants and allowed for the minimum 14-day notification response period prior to filing a licence application. Ministerial consent for asset transfer construction activities within the Calgary transportation utility corridor was granted on July 12, 2016. All low-pressure conversion activities were completed on April 27, 2017 in accordance with Rule 020 requirements.

7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant 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.

8. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place were likely directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the proposed project.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 21962-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Splits and Removal in the Calgary Area, Licence 5895, Minor pipeline project application, Proceeding 21962, Application 21962-A001, September 23, 2016.

<sup>2</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.

9. 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 licences are attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments