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Decision 22931-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Gregory Lighthead, P. Eng., PMP
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**Transfers to Low-Pressure Distribution Service and Abandonments in the City of Calgary
Licences 106, 2027, 4826 and 4885
Proceeding 22931
Applications 22931-A001 to 22931-A004**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by applications 22931-A001 to 22931-A004 registered on September 7, 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:

Pertaining to Licence 106:

- abandonment of line 118

Pertaining to Licence 2027:

- deletion of lines 178 and 179
- abandonment of line 177

Pertaining to Licence 4826:

- deletion of lines 1, 2, 9 and 10
- abandonment of line 13

Pertaining to Licence 4885:

- abandonment of lines 1 and 3

2. The completed work is related to the abandonment of pipelines and conversion of pipelines to low-pressure distribution service (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in licences 106, 2027, 4826 and 4885.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 22650-D01-2016,¹ sections of various pipelines were approved to be split to facilitate abandonment or transfer 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 2014-010.²

4. ATCO stated that environmental approvals are not required since no watercourses or other environmental restrictions have been identified on the pipelines being abandoned or converted to low-pressure service. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonments.

5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. ATCO sent notifications to landowners and occupants and allowed for the minimum fourteen day notification response period.

6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved limited ground disturbance and was 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 project is 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 project, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.

8. 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)

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments

¹ Decision 22650-D01-2016: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits and Removals in the Calgary Area, Proceeding 22650, Applications 22650-A001 to 22650-A004, May 30, 2016.

² 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.