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Decision 22938-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Alex Burnside, P. Eng.
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**Split and Removal on the Abandoned Nevis Transmission Pipeline
Licence 1711
Proceeding 22938
Application 22938-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 22938-A001 registered on September 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* for the following in the city of Red Deer:

- splitting of line 20 into lines 20 and 24
- removal of line 24

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1711.

3. ATCO stated that removal of a 380-metre long section of the abandoned 168.3-millimetre Nevis Transmission Pipeline, line 24, is required to accommodate a future development. The total cost is estimated at \$65,000. The developer would perform the removal and be responsible for the entire cost of removal.

4. ATCO indicated that it would ensure that the developer complies with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations (Alberta Environment, 1994)* and industry best practices. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. ATCO would also obtain a reclamation certificate as required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* prior to discharging the right-of-way.

5. ATCO also stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Construction is scheduled to start in October of 2017.

6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves ground disturbance in an area where development will take place 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. 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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment