

October 5, 2017

Decision 22961-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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**Pipeline Abandonment Near Mannville
Licence 1828
Proceeding 22961
Application 22961-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 22961-A001 registered on September 21, 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 abandonment of a 340 metre section of the 168.3-millimetre Vermilion Transmission Pipeline, line 15, near Mannville. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of an existing section of pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1828.
2. ATCO stated that it was granted permission in Decision 22610-D01-2017¹ to remove the metering station and approximately 30 metres of the 168.3-millimetre Vermilion Transmission Pipeline, both of which were no longer in use. It also indicated that line 15 would be abandoned in place under a future application. The removal and abandonment was completed on August 24, 2017.
3. In its submission, ATCO stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and that all liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
4. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020.
5. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves 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.

¹ Decision 22610-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Removal of a Section of the Vermilion Transmission Pipeline, Proceeding 22610, Application 22610-A001, June 19, 2017.

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

7. 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)

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Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment