

October 13, 2017

Decision 22962-D01-2017

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Attention: Gregory Lightheart, P. Eng., PMP
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**Transfers to Low-Pressure Distribution Service and Abandonments in the City of Calgary
Licence 5895
Proceeding 22962
Application 22962-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 22962-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 following:

- deletion of lines 40, 135, 138 and 198
- abandonment of lines 51, 52, 137, 139 and 204
- length amendment of line 52 from 3.94 kilometres to 0.9 kilometres

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 Licence 5895.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 22776-D01-2017,¹ 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 indicated that no additional environmental approvals are required since construction did not take place within 30 metres of the bed and banks of any watercourses. Any liquids contained in the pipelines were captured and removed prior to abandonment activities. ATCO also indicated that it had complied with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines*

¹ Decision 22776-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits and Removals in Calgary, Proceeding 22776, Applications 22776-A001 to 22776-A003, July 13, 2017.

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.

Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations (Alberta Environment, 1994) and industry best practices.

5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for the project was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. ATCO sent notifications to landowners and occupants and allowed for the minimum 14-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 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.

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