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Decision 22979-D01-2017

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Attention: Michelle Owokalu, P. Eng.
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**Pipeline Transfers to Low-Pressure Distribution Service and
Abandonment in the City of Edmonton
Licences 3861 and 7317
Proceeding 22979
Applications 22979-A001 and 22979-A002**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by applications 22979-A001 and 22979-A002 registered on September 26, 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:

Licence 3861:

- deletion of lines 12, 13, 41, 42, 56, 57, 68 and 89

Licence 7317:

- abandonment of line 3
- “From Location” Legal Subdivision amendment of line 3 from Legal Subdivision 6 to Legal Subdivision 10
- mapping amendment of line 3

2. The completed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe and conversion of pipelines to low-pressure distribution service (less than 700 kilopascals), within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in licences 3861 and 7317.

3. ATCO stated that in Decision 22631-D01-2017,¹ sections of various pipelines were approved to be split to facilitate abandonment or transfer to ATCO Gas for distribution-pressure

¹ Decision 22631-D01-2017: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits in the Edmonton Area, Proceeding 22631, Application 22631-A001, May 23, 2017.

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 no watercourse crossings were affected by the project. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

5. ATCO also indicated that, in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, notifications to landowners and occupants for this work were sent on March 17, 2017. On August 24, 2017, all abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities were completed according to Rule 020 requirements.

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 persons 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 completed project.

8. The Commission approves the applications. In approving the applications, 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 applications, 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

² Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Application 1608617, Proceeding 1995, January 17, 2014. Errata issued on February 21, 2014.