

October 12, 2017

Decision 22985-D01-2017

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. 7210 – 42 Street N.W. Edmonton, Alta. T6B 3H1

Attention: Curtis Meunier, E.I.T.

Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering

Status Amendment of Two Sections of the Wainwright Transmission Pipeline at the Battle River Crossing Licence 1653 Proceeding 22985 Application 22985-A001

Record amendment application

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 22985-A001 registered on September 28, 2017, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to amend the status of line 21 from removed to operating and amend the status of line 23 from operating to not constructed. The proposed amendments are related to facilities previously addressed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1653.
- 2. ATCO received approval in Decision 21791-D01-2016¹ to replace the exposed section of the Wainwright Transmission Pipeline, line 21, under the Battle River. Line 23 was to be installed using an open-cut technique and tied into the existing pipeline. Line 21 was to be removed after the installation of line 23, however, ATCO was unable to construct line 23.
- 3. ATCO stated that due to higher than expected flow on the Battle River during the last half of 2016, the open-cut technique could not be performed. In addition, no clearing or construction was completed under the licence, which has therefore expired effective July 22, 2017, since no construction was undertaken. ATCO indicated that it will re-consult and notify the parties affected by the project and subsequently submit a new application for the construction of the new pipeline and removal of line 21 in order to address the exposed pipeline at the river crossing.
- 4. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

Decision 21791-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Removal and Replacement in the Battle River, Proceeding 21791, Application 21791-A001, July 22, 2016.

- 5. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.
- 6. The Commission approves the application. 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