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Decision 23069-D01-2017

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Attention: Alex Burnside, P. Eng.
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**Removal of a Section of the 323.9-millimetre Petrogas-Meadowfield Transmission Pipeline
Licence 5895
Proceeding 23069
Application 23069-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23069-A001 registered on October 30, 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 Calgary:

- splitting of previously abandoned line 195 into lines 195, 210 and 211
- removal of line 210
- lines 195 and 211 are to remain abandoned in place

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of a portion of a previously abandoned pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 5895.

3. ATCO proposed to remove 250 metres of the abandoned 323.9-millimetre Petrogas-Meadowfield Transmission Pipeline, line 210, to accommodate a proposed land development, as requested by the developer. ATCO stated that the developer would perform the removal activities under its supervision. The proposed removal would take place on private lands. The total project cost is estimated at \$35,000. The developer would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

4. ATCO stated that the area of construction is already disturbed due to ongoing development and during construction 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. ATCO also stated that it would apply for and obtain a reclamation certificate for the removed pipeline as required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* prior to discharging the right-of-way. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.

5. ATCO stated that the consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and submitted that the landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project. Construction of this project is scheduled to commence in November 2017.
6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance on land with ongoing development and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified.
7. The Commission accepts ATCO's submission that the need for the project has arisen from a request from the developer to accommodate a proposed land development and that the full cost of the project will be borne by the developer.
8. The Commission accepts ATCO's statement that it will obtain a reclamation certificate for the removed pipeline from Alberta Environment and Parks prior to discharging the right-of-way.
9. 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.
10. 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.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment