

November 22, 2017

**Decision 23080-D01-2017**

AltaGas Utilities Inc.  
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Attention: Jayne Blinzer, P.Eng.  
Design Engineer

**Pipeline Split Near the Town of Westlock  
Licence 210  
Proceeding 23080  
Application 23080-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. AltaGas Utilities Inc. (AltaGas), by Application 23080-A001 registered on November 6, 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 near the town of Westlock:

- splitting line 38 into lines 38 and 70
- line 70 is to remain in operation
- line 38 is to be abandoned and then recorded as abandoned under a subsequent application

2. AltaGas stated that it is currently undertaking a program to replace aging infrastructure. As part of this replacement program, pipelines that were installed prior to 1957 are being replaced, due to the risk of corrosion and weld failure. A portion of the high-pressure line feeding the town of Westlock falls within this category and has been targeted for replacement in 2017 based on a risk assessment. This portion of the high-pressure line would be replaced with a new 219.1-millimetre polyethylene distribution main.

3. In this application, AltaGas proposed to split line 38 of Licence 210 into lines 38 and 70 to accommodate the future abandonment of line 38. Line 38 would be replaced with a new 219.1-millimetre polyethylene distribution main and line 70 would remain in service.

4. AltaGas stated that the need for the Westlock High-Pressure Steel Pipeline Project has been identified as part of its Capital Tracker Pipeline Replacement program. The need for this project was addressed in Proceeding 20522 as part of the AltaGas pre-1957 steel replacement program in Section 3 of Appendix II(a) – Business Case for Replacement of Pre-1957 Steel Pipe

in the AltaGas 2016-2017 Capital Tracker Application.<sup>1</sup> The Commission assessed and approved the need for the pipeline replacement program in Decision 20522-D02-2016.

5. AltaGas has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance, 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.

6. Based upon the information provided, AltaGas 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.

7. The Commission approves the application. 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

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 20522-X0010.03, AUI Application 2014 TU and 2016-2017 CT – Updated 2015-08-20, PDF pages 96 to 103.