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Decision 23120-D01-2017

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Pipeline Abandonment in the Fort MacLeod Area
Licence 2172
Proceeding 23120
Application 23120-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23120-A001 registered on November 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 abandonment of line 61 which crosses the Oldman River in the Fort MacLeod area. The proposed amendment is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2172.
2. ATCO completed the abandonment of the 168.3-millimetre Fort MacLeod Transmission Pipeline identified in Proceeding 22338.¹ The total length of the abandonment was 80 metres. ATCO completed this project on August 31, 2017.
3. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained.
4. ATCO stated the project was completed in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Pipeline and Telecommunication Lines Crossing a Waterbody* under the *Water Act*. Any liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
5. 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.

¹ Decision 22338-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. - Replacement of the Fort MacLeod Transmission Pipeline across the Oldman River, Proceeding 22338, Application 22338-A001, February 7, 2017.

6. Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project took place was likely directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.

7. 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)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission