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Decision 23322-D01-2018

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**Enoch Transmission Pipeline Removal and Replacement
Licence 13281
Proceeding 23322
Application 23322-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23322-A001 registered on February 8, 2018, 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 Acheson industrial area within Parkland County:

- splitting of line 1 into lines 1, 9 and 10
- removal of line 9
- addition of newly constructed pipeline (line 11 – 0.25 kilometres of 114.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline)

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split, removal and replacement of a section of the existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 13281.

3. ATCO proposed to relocate a 250-metre long section of the 114.3-millimetre Enoch Transmission Pipeline, within the existing right-of-way at a greater depth of cover to accommodate a proposed roadway and land development, as requested by the developer. The proposed project would take place on private and public lands. The total project cost is estimated at \$515,000, and the developer would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

4. The Commission accepts ATCO's assessment that the project meets the criteria for an abbreviated need project as per Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, Section 3.3, Table 3.1, because it is a relocation project for existing facilities where the project is reimbursed under the terms of a third-party contribution, project costs are forecast at less than \$2,000,000 and there are no unresolved interested party objections or significant environmental impacts.

5. ATCO prepared an environmental evaluation report¹ for the proposed project. The Commission accepts ATCO's statement that all recommendations included in the environmental evaluation report would be implemented. During construction, ATCO would comply with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* and industry best practices. The pipeline segment would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.

6. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020 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 April or May of 2018.

7. 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.

8. The Commission accepts ATCO's submission that the need for the project has arisen from a request from the developer to accommodate a proposed roadway and land development and that the full cost of the project will be borne by the developer.

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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment

¹ Exhibit 23322-X0002.01, Environmental Evaluation Report.