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**Decision 23434-D01-2018**

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**Swan Hills Transmission Pipelines  
Licences 1829 and 3861  
Proceeding 23434  
Applications 23434-A001 and 23434-A002**

**Record amendment application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by applications 23434-A001 and 23434-A002 registered on March 21, 2018, filed applications with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

Pertaining to Licence 1829:

- pipeline status amendment of line 98 from operating to abandoned

Pertaining to Licence 3861:

- pipeline status amendment of line 90 from operating to abandoned

2. The proposed amendments are related to facilities previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in licences 1829 and 3861.

3. ATCO stated that lines 90 and 98 were part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement Program (UPR), (Proceeding 1995) identified as lines to be removed from high-pressure service by either transferring them to ATCO Gas to be used as low-pressure distribution pipelines or abandoning the lines in place. On January 17, 2014, the Commission approved ATCO's UPR application in Decision 2014-010 (Errata).<sup>1</sup> ATCO completed the abandonment work on the Swan Hills Transmission Pipelines in August 2017 as approved in Decision 22631-D01-2017<sup>2</sup> and Decision 23201-D01-2018.<sup>3</sup> The project included the removal from high-pressure service of

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 2014-010 (Errata): ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617-1, January 17, 2014. Errata issued on February 21, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 23631-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits in the Edmonton Area, Proceeding 22631, Application 22631-A001, May 23, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Decision 23201-D01-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Record Amendment Pipelines in the Edmonton Area, Proceeding 23201, Applications 23201-A001 and 23201 A002, January 3, 2018.

line 90, 0.01 kilometres of Licence 3861, and line 98, 0.55 kilometres of Licence 1829. The pipelines were abandoned in place.

4. ATCO stated that it failed to complete the application for abandonment within the required 90-day notification period.

5. ATCO stated that during construction it met all of the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* (Alberta Environment, 1994). No watercourse crossings were affected by the project and any liquids contained in the pipelines were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendments. Since the record amendments do not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

6. ATCO stated that consultation and notification for this work, which is located on both private and public land, was completed in accordance with AUC requirements. Notifications were sent to landowners and occupants on March 17, 2017. There are no outstanding objections or concerns related to this project.

7. 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 amendments.

8. The Commission approves the applications. The amended licences are attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments