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Decision 23526-D01-2018

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Attention: Dobry Mihov, P. Eng.
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**Jumping Pound Transmission Pipeline Splits and Removal in the City of Calgary
Licence 1952
Proceeding 23526
Application 23526-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23526-A001 registered on April 30, 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 city of Calgary:

- splitting line 1 into lines 1, 93, 94 and 95
- splitting line 42 into lines 42 and 96
- splitting line 91 into lines 91 and 97
- removal of line 93
- length amendment of original line 1 from 2.02 kilometres to the revised length of 1.95 kilometres
- length amendment of original line 42 from 1.82 kilometres to the revised length of 1.71 kilometres
- lines 94 and 96 are to be abandoned in place and then recorded as abandoned under a subsequent application
- lines 1, 22, 41, 42, 95 and 97 are to be converted to low pressure and then deleted from the licence under a subsequent application

2. The proposed work is related to the minor splits and removal of existing pipeline within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1952.

3. ATCO stated that lines 1, 22, 41, 42, 95 and 97 of Licence 1952, portions of the 323.9-millimetre Jumping Pound Transmission Pipeline, were identified in its Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) program¹ as lines to be removed from high-pressure service. As part of the overall UPR hydraulic assessment completed in co-ordination with ATCO Gas, it was

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

determined that these pipelines would be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as part of its low-pressure distribution system to maintain gas supply to the area.

4. ATCO prepared an environmental evaluation report² for the proposed project. No additional environmental approvals are required at this time as proposed construction activities would take place more than 30 metres from the bed and banks of watercourses. ATCO also indicated that it would comply with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* and industry best practices. Any liquids contained in the pipelines would be captured and disposed of prior to abandonment and removal activities.

5. ATCO stated that notification of landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. ATCO sent notifications to landowners and occupants on March 22, 2018 and allowed for the minimum notification response period prior to submitting this application. Construction is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2018.

6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance and is 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.

7. 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.

8. 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

² Exhibit 23526-X0005, Environmental Evaluation Report.