

May 24, 2018

Decision 23551-D01-2018

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: David Korpany, EIT
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**219.1-millimetre Paddle River Transmission Pipeline Abandonment
Licence 5341
Proceeding 23551
Application 23551-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23551-A001 registered on May 10, 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 abandonment of a portion of the 219.1-millimetre Paddle River Transmission Pipeline, lines 16, 17, 20, 21, 45, 46, 51 and 52, near the town of Mayerthorpe. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of the existing pipelines, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 5341.
2. ATCO stated that it received approval by Decision 22944-D01-2017¹ on November 3, 2017, to complete the abandonment of approximately 21 kilometres of the 219.1-millimetre Paddle River Transmission Pipeline from the Paddle River Receipt Station to the Paddle River West Pembina Block Valve, due to severe corrosion and metal loss concerns. The abandonment was completed in March of 2018 and the total length of the abandonment was 20.84 kilometres.
3. ATCO stated that all liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
4. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* and that confirmation of non-objection by directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained.
5. 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

¹ Decision 22944-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – 219.1-millimetre Paddle River Transmission Pipeline Abandonment Project, Licences 5341, 5797 and 12109, Proceeding 22944, Applications 22944-A001 to 22944-A003, November 3, 2017.

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, 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 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)

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment