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Decision 23677-D01-2018

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Attention: Mihir Tailor, E.I.T.
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**Record Amendment on the Whitecourt Transmission Lateral Pipeline
Licence 8981
Proceeding 23677
Application 23677-A001**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23677 registered on June 21, 2018, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following:

- “length” amendment of line 1 from its original length of 0.77 kilometres to 0.79 kilometres
- “length” amendment of line 3 from its original length of 0.1 kilometres to 0.08 kilometres
- “status” amendment of line 3 from operating to removed

2. In Decision 23490-D01-2018, the Commission approved an application from ATCO for removal of a 100-metre section, line 2, of the Whitecourt Transmission Lateral. The removal was in close proximity to facilities owned by Pembina Pipelines, who would complete the removal under ATCO’s supervision. Lines 1 and 3 were proposed to be abandoned in a subsequent application. ATCO stated that in Proceeding 23490,¹ line 3 was expected to be abandoned under a subsequent application because at that time it was unknown if the pipeline beneath Pembina Pipelines’ buried utilities could be safely removed. During the removal of line 2, Pembina Pipelines determined that the remaining pipeline, line 3, could be safely removed. In consultation with ATCO, Pembina Pipelines proceeded with the removal of line 3. Upon review of the as-built drawings, it is also necessary to make the status and length amendment corrections to line 3 and line 1.

3. ATCO stated that no liquids were found during the pipeline removal activities. There were no watercourse crossings affected by the project. Consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in 2018 in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO at that time.

¹ Decision 23490-D01-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. - Pipeline Split and Removal of a Section of the Whitecourt Transmission Lateral Pipeline, Proceeding 23490, Application 23490-A001, May 11, 2018.

4. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 8981.
5. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.
6. 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 amendment.
7. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment