

July 27, 2018

Decision 23737-D01-2018

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Justin Middleton, P. Eng.
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Split and Removal of Sections of the Rossdale Transmission Pipeline in the City of Edmonton
Licence 20954
Proceeding 23737
Application 23737-A001

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23737-A001 registered on July 12, 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:

- splitting line 15 into lines 15 and 20
- removal of line 20
- line 15 will remain as abandoned

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 20954.

3. ATCO stated that the abandoned 323.9-millimetre Rossdale Transmission Pipeline conflicts with the City of Edmonton's sidewalk construction plan as part of the Walterdale Bridge replacement project. Approximately 60 metres of the pipeline would be removed so the sidewalk installation can proceed. The City of Edmonton's contractor would complete the removal work under ATCO's supervision. The project would take place on public lands.

4. ATCO stated 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) The total estimated cost for the removal project is \$14,931 and ATCO would be responsible for 100 per cent of the costs as per the franchise agreement between ATCO and the City of Edmonton.

5. The Commission accepts ATCO's assessment that the project meets the criteria for an abbreviated need process as per Rule 020.

6. ATCO prepared an environmental evaluation report¹ for the proposed project. ATCO would ensure that all recommendations in the environmental evaluation report would be implemented by the city contractor. During construction, ATCO would ensure that the city contractor complies with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* (Alberta Environment, 1994) and industry best practices.
7. ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The Commission accepts ATCO's statement that all recommendations included in the environmental evaluation report would be implemented.
8. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020 requirements. Confirmation of non-objection from directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants has been obtained. Construction is planned for the summer of 2018.
9. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. The Commission accepts the need for the project and that the cost will be borne by ATCO customers under the terms of the franchise agreement between ATCO and the City of Edmonton. Since the project involves no significant 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.
10. 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.
11. 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

¹ Exhibit 23737-X0004, Environmental Evaluation Report, Remove 60 m of Abandoned 323.9 mm Rossdale Transmission, July 2018.