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Decision 23755-D01-2018

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**Turner Valley Transmission Pipeline Removal
Licence 1594
Proceeding 23755
Application 23755-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23755-A001 registered on July 19, 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 removal of line 9 under Licence 1594 in the city of Calgary.
2. The proposed work is related to the removal of a portion of a previously abandoned pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1594.
3. ATCO proposed to remove 450 metres of the abandoned 273.1-millimetre Turner Valley Transmission Pipeline, line 9, to accommodate a future development, as requested by Mattamy (Burgess) Limited. ATCO stated that Mattamy (Burgess) Limited would perform the removal activities under its supervision. The proposed removal would take place on private land. The total project cost is estimated at \$30,000 and Mattamy (Burgess) Limited would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.
4. The Commission accepts ATCO's assessment 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, because this is a removal project for an existing facility where the project is reimbursed under the terms of a third-party contribution, project costs are forecast at less than \$2,000,000 and there are no unresolved interested party objections or significant environmental impacts.
5. ATCO prepared an environmental evaluation report¹ for the proposed project. The Commission accepts ATCO's statement that all recommendations included in the environmental evaluation report would be implemented. Specifically, ATCO stated that, during construction, it would ensure that Mattamy (Burgess) Limited complies with the requirements of the *Guide for*

¹ Exhibit 23755-X0004, Environmental Evaluation Report.

Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations and industry best practices. ATCO also stated that it would implement any amphibian mitigation measures recommended by the Alberta Environment and Parks wildlife biologist, including any potential compensation for removal of any northern leopard frog breeding habitat if applicable. ATCO stated that it would apply for and obtain a reclamation certificate for the removed pipeline as required by the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* prior to discharging the right-of-way. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.

6. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020. Confirmation of non-objection from directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants has been obtained. Construction of this project is scheduled to commence in September of 2018.

7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Because the project involves limited ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, ATCO assessed the resultant environmental impact of the work as limited. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

8. The Commission accepts ATCO's submission that the need for the project arose from a request from Mattamy (Burgess) Limited to accommodate future development and that the full cost of the project will be borne by Mattamy (Burgess) Limited.

9. The Commission accepts ATCO's commitment to conduct a wildlife and nest sweep survey if wildlife or their nests are observed during construction. In addition, the Commission accepts ATCO's commitment to implement any amphibian mitigation measures recommended by the Alberta Environment and Parks wildlife biologist.

10. The Commission accepts ATCO's commitment to obtain a reclamation certificate for the removed pipeline from Alberta Environment and Parks prior to discharging the right-of-way.

11. 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.

12. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the final 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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment