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**Decision 23795-D01-2018** 

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. 7210 - 42 Street N.W. Edmonton, Alta. T6B 3H1

Attention: Rob Woods, P. Eng.

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Pipeline Split and Record Amendments in the St. Lina Area Licence 4707 Proceeding 23795 Application 23795-A001

## Minor pipeline project application

- 1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 23795-A001 registered on July 31, 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:
  - length amendment of original line 1 from 5.98 kilometres to the revised length of 6.51 kilometres
  - "To Location" legal subdivision amendment of original line 1
  - splitting line 1 into 1 and 12
  - mapping amendment of line 1
  - line 1 will be abandoned in place under a subsequent application
  - line 12 will remain operating
  - length amendment of line 5 from 0.130 kilometres to the revised length of 0.180 kilometres
  - "To Facility Code" amendment of line 5
  - mapping amendment of line 5
- 2. The proposed work is related to the minor split of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 4707.

- 3. ATCO stated that it continuously reviews and updates pipeline licence information to accurately reflect what is in the field. Line 1 was discovered to be a dead leg¹ and is required to be abandoned.
- 4. Consultation and notification of this work, which is proposed entirely on private land, was completed in accordance with AUC requirements. Notifications were sent to landowners and occupants on April 30, 2018, and there are no outstanding objections or concerns related to this project.
- 5. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. 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.
- 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 will be caused by the proposed 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

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Section 82(3)(e) of AR91/2005 *Pipeline Rules* prescribes circumstances where a pipeline segment cannot contain a dead leg with no flow.