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Decision 23911-D01-2018

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**Calgary Urban Pipeline Replacement Project
Abandonment and Low-Pressure Transfers
Licences 1534, 1952, 11008, 11342, 12988 and 13843
Proceeding 23911
Applications 23911-A001 to 23911-A006**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by applications 23911-A001 to 23911-A006 registered on September 20, 2018, filed applications with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in the city of Calgary:

Pertaining to Licence 1534:

- delete lines 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, 87 and 89 because each has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service
- abandon line 86
- ‘From Location’ legal subdivision amendment of line 20
- ‘To Location’ legal subdivision amendment of line 21
- length amendment of line 10 from 0.10 kilometres to the revised length of 0.26 kilometres
- length amendment of line 15 from 0.36 kilometres to the revised length of 0.14 kilometres
- length amendment of line 16 from 0.15 kilometres to the revised length of 0.41 kilometres
- length amendment of line 21 from 0.45 kilometres to the revised length of 0.83 kilometres

Pertaining to Licence 1952:

- delete lines 42 and 95 because each has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service

Pertaining to Licence 11008:

- delete line 1 because it has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service

Pertaining to Licence 11342:

- delete line 1 because it has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service
- ‘From Location’ legal subdivision amendment of line 1

Pertaining to Licence 12988:

- delete lines 1, 2 and 4 because each has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service

Pertaining to Licence 13843:

- delete line 1 because it has been converted to low-pressure gas distribution service

2. The conversion of the pipelines identified above and the abandonment of line 86 were previously addressed by the Commission in three earlier AUC decisions.¹ These conversions and the abandonment all took place within the original right-of-way, for pipelines previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in licences 1534, 1952, 11008, 11342, 12988 and 13843.

3. ATCO explained that it removed 19.5 kilometres of pipelines from high-pressure service. ATCO transferred 18.31 kilometres of these pipelines to ATCO Gas for use as part of its low-pressure distribution system to maintain gas supply to the area and the remaining 1.19 kilometres was abandoned.

4. ATCO stated that an environmental evaluation report was prepared for the abandonment project but environmental approvals were not required for the licence transfer project since construction work took place more than 30 metres from the bed and banks of the watercourses. ATCO also indicated that it complied with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations* (Alberta Environment,

¹ Decision 2014-010: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. - Urban Pipeline Replacement Project, Proceeding 1995, Application 1608617, January 17, 2014, errata issued on February 21, 2014; Decision 23648-D01-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Removal of Portions of the Turner Valley Transmission Pipelines, Proceeding 23648, Applications 23648-A001 and 23648-A002, July 26, 2018; and Decision 23526-D01-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. - Jumping Pound Transmission Pipeline Splits and Removal in the City of Calgary, Proceeding 23526, Application 23526-A001, May 16, 2018.

1994) and industry best practices. Any liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment.

5. ATCO confirmed that all low-pressure conversion and abandonment activities were completed according to Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. It stated that construction activities for the abandonment of line 86 of Licence 1534 and the low-pressure conversion of line 87 of Licence 1534 were conducted within the Calgary transportation utility corridor and confirmed that it adhered to all conditions set out in Ministerial Consent MCC18-0008² for those pipeline segments.

6. ATCO stated that notification to landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020. It explained that no affected landowners or occupants of the lands objected to the project.

7. ATCO stated that the project involved limited ground disturbance and was within the original right-of-way and submitted that this work had no significant environmental impacts.

8. The Commission is satisfied that ATCO has demonstrated that the project was of a minor nature, that no person was directly and adversely affected by the project, and no adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.

9. The Commission approves the applications. In approving the applications, 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 licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments

² Exhibit 23911-X0002, Ministerial Consent MCC18-0008, Alberta Infrastructure.