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Decision 24005-D01-2018

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**Priddis Transmission Pipeline Abandonment
Licence 19521
Proceeding 24005
Application 24005-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 24005-A001 registered on October 26, 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 in the city of Calgary:

- abandonment of lines 7, 9 and 17
- length amendments of lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18
- mapping amendments of lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18

2. The completed work is related to the abandonment of the existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 19521.

3. ATCO stated that it completed the pipeline installations, removals and abandonments of sections of the 406.4-millimetre Priddis Transmission Pipeline required to accommodate the construction of the southwest Calgary ring road between the Highway 22X interchange and Macleod Trail as per approval received in Decision 23276-D02-2018.¹ ATCO explained that segments of the existing pipeline were abandoned beneath existing roadways where removal was not feasible. In addition, abandonment lengths at Highway 22X were longer than originally planned, due to the road build-up, resulting in increased distance between ditches, with the pipeline being removed as close to the road ditch as possible. Also, the abandoned segment at Macleod Trail was significantly longer than originally planned because the depth of the existing pipeline made removal unfeasible. Therefore, mapping and length corrections are required to accurately reflect these adjustments on the licence. The abandonment activities were completed in August of 2018.

¹ Decision 23276-D02-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Relocation of Sections of the Priddis Transmission Pipeline, Proceeding 23276, Application 23276-A001, February 6, 2018.

4. ATCO also stated that it consulted with Alberta Infrastructure with regard to the proposed project, and email approval was granted by Alberta Infrastructure, during construction, to abandon a significantly longer portion of the pipeline at Macleod Trail than previously approved. No formal revisions were made to the existing approved Ministerial Consent (MCC17-0071 and MCC17-0072) at the time. The entirety of the project footprint was contained within the Calgary transportation utility corridor limits, which are public lands.
5. ATCO stated that all liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
6. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Because the project involved limited ground disturbance and was within the original right-of-way, ATCO assessed the resultant environmental impact of the work as limited.
7. Based upon the information provided, the Commission is satisfied that the project was of a minor nature, no person was directly and adversely affected by the project, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the project.
8. 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)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

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