

November 20, 2018

Decision 24022-D01-2018

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Nick Khotenko, P. Eng.
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**Swan Hills Transmission Pipeline Abandonment
Licence 3861
Proceeding 24022
Application 24022-A001**

Record amendment

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 24022-A001, registered on October 31, 2018, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to amend the pipe status of lines 91 and 93 near the village of Birch Cove from operating to abandoned. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 3861.
2. ATCO stated that it received approval from the AUC on October 4, 2017, to complete the replacement of sections of the Swan Hills Transmission Pipeline in Decision 22947-D01-2017,¹ which also indicated that lines 91 and 93 would be abandoned in place and then recorded as abandoned under a subsequent application. The abandonment was completed in September of 2018, and the total length of the abandonment was 0.12 kilometres.
3. ATCO stated that all liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
4. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*.
5. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Because the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.

¹ Decision 22947-D01-2017: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Replacement of Sections of the Swan Hills Transmission Pipeline, Licence 3861, Proceeding 22947, Application 22947-A001, October 4, 2017.

6. 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.

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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment