

January 14, 2019

Decision 24214-D01-2019

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Justin Middleton, P. Eng.
Project Engineer, Transmission Engineering

Pipeline Abandonment within Lacombe County
Licence 7029
Proceeding 24214
Application 24214-A001

Record amendment application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 24214-A001 registered on December 18, 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 20, 24 and 42 from operating to abandoned. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 7029.
2. ATCO stated that it completed the removal of lines 22, 41 and 43 of Licence 7029 identified in proceeding 23422.¹ The proceeding also indicated that lines 20, 24 and 42 would be abandoned in place under a future application. ATCO also stated that it completed the abandonments of lines 20, 24 and 42 in November 2018, and therefore is within the 90-day notification window allowed by the AUC.
3. ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection from directly and adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained for this project.
4. ATCO stated that all liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
5. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.
6. Based upon the information provided, the Commission is satisfied that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person will be directly and adversely affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.

¹ Decision 23422-D01-2018: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Splits and Removals on the Blackfalds West Branch Pipeline, Proceeding 23422, Application 23422-A001, March 28, 2018.

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