

January 23, 2019

Decision 24215-D01-2019

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Justin Middleton, P. Eng.
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Pipeline Abandonment in the Gibbons Area
Licence 1826
Proceeding 24215
Application 24215-A001

Record amendment application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 24215-A001 registered on January 8, 2019, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, for the abandonment of line 70, 0.23 kilometres of 323.9-millimetre outside diameter pipeline. The proposed amendment relates to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1826.
2. ATCO completed the abandonment of 0.23 kilometres of 323.9-millimetre pipeline identified in Proceeding 21797¹ in September 2016. ATCO failed to complete the application for abandonment within the required 90-day notification period and applied to amend the licence “Status” of line 70 to abandoned.
3. ATCO stated that all the requirements were met relating to the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations*. Abandonment work included cleaning the pipeline by means of a foam pig prior to installing caps and abandonment tags, and any liquids contained in the pipeline were gathered and properly disposed of.
4. ATCO stated that consultation and notification for this work, which took place on both private and public land, was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. There are no outstanding objections or concerns related to this project.
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.

¹ Decision 21797-D01-2016: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – Pipeline Removal and Replacement in the Sturgeon River, Proceeding 21797, Application 21797-A001, July 22, 2016.

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.

7. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the regulatory treatment of the cost 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