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Decision 24310-D01-2019

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Attention: Dalton Schwab, EIT
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**Turner Valley No. 2 Transmission Pipeline Split and Removal
Licence 1534
Proceeding 24310
Application 24310-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 24310-A001 registered on February 6, 2019, 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:

- splitting line 88 into lines 88, 90 and 91
- removal of line 90

2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of a portion of a previously abandoned pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1534.

3. ATCO proposed to remove 20 metres of the abandoned 273.1-millimetre Turner Valley No. 2 Transmission Pipeline, line 90, to accommodate the City of Calgary's pedestrian-bridge construction plan. The proposed removal would take place on City of Calgary land. The total project cost is estimated at \$25,000 and ATCO would be responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs as per bylaws with the City of Calgary.

4. The Commission accepts ATCO's assessment that the project meets the criteria for an abbreviated need project as per Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, Section 3.3, Table 3.1. This is a removal project for an existing facility where the project costs are forecast at less than \$1 million and there are no unresolved interested party objections or significant environmental impacts.

5. ATCO stated that, during construction, it would comply with the requirements of the *Guide for Pipelines Pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and*

Regulations and industry best practices. The pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the project.

6. ATCO stated that consultation with the City of Calgary for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020. Because the project was proposed by the City of Calgary who owns the land, no other consultations were required.

7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Because the project involves limited ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, ATCO assessed the resultant environmental impact of the work as limited. The landowner of the affected lands did not object to the project.

8. The Commission accepts ATCO's submission that the need for the project arose from a request from the City of Calgary to accommodate a pedestrian-bridge construction plan and that the full cost of the project will be borne by ATCO.

9. 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 is likely to be caused by the proposed project.

10. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the final 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