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Attention: Amy Boettger, P. Eng
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Abandonment of Pipeline
Permit and Licence No. 11252
Application No. 1609851
Proceeding ID No. 2790

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609851, registered on August 16, 2013, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC or the Commission) under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to abandon Line 2 in Township 21, Ranges 28 and 29, west of Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of an existing pipeline, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 11252.

ATCO stated that a new pipeline and station was required in order to serve the existing and increasing demand for natural gas in the DeWinton region. Under AUC Decision [2012-224](#),¹ 500 metres of 114.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline was installed from a tie-in point off of ATCO's existing 88.9-millimetre DeWinton East Branch #2 transmission pipeline, Line 3 of Permit and Licence No. 11252, at 02-21-21-29-W4M and terminated at a new ATCO Gas gate station at 04-22-21-29-W4M. This ATCO Gas station has replaced an existing ATCO Gas farm tap unit pressure regulating station, which resulted in Line 2 no longer being required.

ATCO stated that, on May 30, 2013, ATCO completed depressurization and abandonment in place of the approximately seven-kilometre long pipeline, Line 2.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that the pipeline was abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements, all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year. There were no watercourse crossings affected by the abandonment activities.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the

¹ Decision 2012-224: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – New Construction, Township 21, Range 29, West of the Fourth Meridian, Application No. 1608621, Proceeding ID No. 2018, August 17, 2012.

resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed project.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence will be distributed separately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Brian Shand, P. Eng.
Director, Gas Facilities
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment