

**DA2013-217**

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**Abandonment of Pipelines and Record Correction  
Permit and Licence No. 7231  
Application No. 1609905  
Proceeding ID No. 2822**

**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609905 registered on September 6, 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* for the following in the city of Edmonton:

- abandonment of lines 25 and 28
- deletion of Line 29 from licence

The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipeline segments and conversion of a pipeline segment to distribution service, within the original right-of-way, for pipeline previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 7231.

ATCO stated that under AUC approval in [DA2013-95](#),<sup>1</sup> sections of the existing 168.3 millimetre (mm) Ellerslie Lateral were to be abandoned, removed, or transferred to ATCO distribution service to accommodate the construction of the proposed interchange at Highway 2 and 41st Avenue S.W. The scope of the project was to remove 2,330 metres and abandon 50 metres of the 168.3 mm Ellerslie lateral pipeline from 02-18-51-24-W4 to 04-16-51-24-W4. The 50 metre abandonment included the segments of pipeline beneath 101st Street S.W. and the active Canadian Pacific right-of-way. The segment beneath Highway 2 (215 metres) was to be abandoned by ATCO and removed by Alberta Transportation during the proposed interchange construction. ATCO was to monitor Alberta Transportation's removal of the pipeline. ATCO also completed an assessment and it was determined that approximately two kilometres of the 168.3 mm pipeline was to be transferred to ATCO distribution service to maintain gas supply to the area from 04-16-51-24-W4 to 13-10-51-24-W4. Alberta Transportation and Canadian Pacific are responsible for 100 per cent of the project costs.

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<sup>1</sup> DA2013-95: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Ellerslie Lateral, Application No. 1609429, Proceeding ID No.2528, April 8, 2013.

In its application, ATCO also stated that on July 16, 2013, all abandonment and low-pressure conversion activities were completed according to AUC Rule 20: *Rules Respecting Gas Utilities Pipelines* 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 and low pressure conversion 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 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.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments