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Attention: Kellen Westman
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Pipeline Split, Removal and New Construction
Permit and Licence No. 10387
Application No. 1609929
Proceeding ID No. 2838

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609929, registered on September 17, 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 Township 21, Range 4, west of Fifth Meridian:

- splitting Line 5 into lines 5, 6 and 7
- removal of Line 6
- lines 5 and 7 to remain in place as operating
- addition of a proposed pipeline [Line 8 – 0.15 kilometres (km) of 60.3-millimetre (mm) outside-diameter pipeline]

The proposed work is related to a minor removal and replacement of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 10387.

ATCO stated that the Millarville transmission pipeline is a 48.3 mm aluminum high pressure natural gas pipeline that supplies a sizeable demand west of Millarville, Alberta. As a result of the southern Alberta flooding experienced in this region during June, a significant exposure developed within Fisher Creek at LSD 13-02-021-04-W5M. The pipeline is a single-source feed, and demands are such that repairs on this pipeline are not possible without customer outages in cooler temperatures. As such, this work is being accelerated and a construction crew to replace the watercourse crossing is being mobilized on September 23, 2013.

ATCO stated that they have complied with the code of practice in accordance with the *Water Act* for pipelines crossing a water body. ATCO is also in compliance with the code of practice in accordance with the *Water Act*, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, operational statement, for the required temporary stream crossing. In both cases, an exemption to the 14-day notification period has been requested and through informal conversations approvals for both

exemptions are expected to arrive prior to mobilization. ATCO stated that it would not proceed with the work without these approvals.

ATCO stated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removals and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of. The topsoil would be stripped and stored and all surface disturbances would be backfilled before the topsoil is returned.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant incremental ground disturbance, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no significant impact identified. The landowners 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 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 that reads "J W Vienneau". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wade Vienneau
Executive Director, Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment