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Attention: Adam Wood
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Pipeline Splits in the City of Edmonton
Permits and Licences No. 1670 and 2594
Application No. 1609938
Proceeding ID No. 2848

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609938 registered on September 20, 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:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 1670:

- splitting Line 3 into lines 3 and 31
- stress level amendment of Line 3 from 0 to 25
- mapping amendment of lines 3 and 4

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 2594:

- splitting Line 36 into lines 36 and 270
- splitting Line 54 into lines 54 and 271
- length amendment of original Line 36 from 0.47 kilometres to 2.00 kilometres
- mapping amendment of Line 54

The proposed work is related to minor splits of existing pipe within the original right-of-way previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 1670 and Licence 2594.

ATCO stated that Line 3 of Licence 1670 and lines 36 and 54 of Licence 2594 would remain operating. Lines 4 and 31 of Licence 1670 and lines 270 and 271 of Licence 2594, along with other pipelines, will be decommissioned so that they can be transferred to ATCO Gas for use as low pressure (below 700 kPa) natural gas distribution service. Prior to the proposed discontinuation, the lines being split would be physically isolated from each other.

ATCO stated that it is able to decommission these lines because of the recent completion and commissioning of new Edmonton Gate 4 at 03-08-53-25-W4M, which would support the load previously supplied by these lines.

ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by this application. This project does not require a historical resource impact assessment (HRIA) because the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's listing of historic resources.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline splits. Since the pipeline splits do not involve any ground disturbance there will be no environmental impact.

Based upon the information provided, ATCO has demonstrated that the proposal is of a minor nature, no other person will be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed pipeline splits.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permits and licences are attached.

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

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

Attachment