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Attention: Kim Klatchuk
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Pipeline Split
Permit and Licence No. 1990
Application No. 1609946
Proceeding ID No. 2849

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1609946 registered on September 24, 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:

- splitting Line 23 into lines 23 and 24
- new Line 23 to be abandoned in place under a future application

The proposed work is related to a minor split of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 1990.

ATCO stated that the proposed pipeline split is required to accommodate the construction of the Northeast Edmonton Anthony Henday Drive (NEAHD) located within Edmonton's Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) at Meridian Street and Yellowhead Trail (Highway 16). The existing pipeline has been identified as being in conflict with the proposed road plans, and a portion of it must be abandoned. The cost of the work would be fully reimbursed by the Joint Venture (Flatiron-Dragados-Aecon-Lafarge) who is the P3 proponent for NEAHD.

ATCO stated that the project does not require a Historic Resources Impact Assessment since the proposed area of work is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's Listing of Historic Resources. The existing site is currently under extensive earth work by the Joint Venture to accommodate the proposed interchange. ATCO's proposed construction would occur within this pre-disturbed area. All construction activities would comply with the Joint Venture's NEAHD Eco-plan.

ATCO stated that there is no watercourse crossing that would be affected by this project.

ATCO stated that the consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 20: *Gas Utility Pipelines*. Construction work would be contained within the TUC boundaries; however, Alberta Infrastructure has indicated that Ministerial Consent is not required for the proposed project as there is no new pipeline construction. Alberta Infrastructure has issued right-of-entry for the proposed work.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline split. Since the pipeline split involves no ground disturbance, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with no 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 pipeline split takes place will likely be directly affected by the proposal and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed pipeline split.

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