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Attention: Kim Klatchuk
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**Anthony Henday Drive/Yellowhead Trail Pipeline Splits and Removals
Permit and Licence No. 6120
Application No. 1610121
Proceeding ID No. 2944**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610121, registered on November 27, 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 8 into lines 8, 12 and 13
- splitting Line 7 into lines 7, 14, 15, and 16
- removal of lines 12, 14 and 16
- lines 7, 8, 13 and 15 are to be abandoned under a separate application
- length amendment of original lines 7 and 8

The proposed work is related to minor splits and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 6120.

ATCO stated that the proposed project is required to accommodate the construction of the Northeast Edmonton Anthony Henday Drive (NEAHD) located within Edmonton's Transportation Utilities Corridor (TUC) at Yellowhead Trail and Anthony Henday Drive. The existing 60.3 millimetre (mm) pipeline has been identified as being in conflict with the proposed road plans and must be abandoned/removed. After the construction is complete, a separate AUC application would be submitted for the abandonment. The cost of the work would be fully reimbursed by the Joint Venture (Fiatiron-Dragados-Aecon-Lafarge) who is the P3 proponent for NEAHD.

ATCO stated that a new distribution pipeline has been installed to feed all customers in the area. There are currently no customers on the ATCO Pipelines 60.3 mm pipeline.

ATCO stated that 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. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the removal activities. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Ministerial consent has been obtained for this project.

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 is attached.

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

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

Attachment