

**DA2014-3**

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**Pipeline Split and Removal**  
**Permit and Licence No. 20954**  
**Application No. 1610213**  
**Proceeding ID No. 3009**

### **Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610213, registered on December 23, 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 52, Range 24, west of Fourth Meridian:

- splitting Line 3 into lines 3 and 17
- splitting Line 5 into lines 5, 18 and 19
- removal of Line 18
- lines 5, 15, 16, 17 and 19 to be abandoned in place under a future application

The proposed work is related to the minor split 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. 20954. This removal and abandonment project is proposed because this section of the pipeline is no longer in use. Other portions of the pipeline that crossed the North Saskatchewan River in the city of Edmonton on the Walterdale Bridge and provided service to the Rossdale power plant have previously been abandoned or removed.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 2,300 metres of the 323.9 mm Rossdale transmission pipeline between 03-29-52-24-W4M and 07-32-52-24-W4M would be abandoned in place and approximately 20 metres of the pipeline crossing a railway at 10-29-52-24-W4M would be removed. In conjunction with this work, ATCO would remove all above ground facilities, including a valve assembly at the Rossdale plant site at 07-32-52-24-W4M and a pipe riser at gate station number 14 at 03-29-52-24-W4M.

Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management completed a Historical Resource Impact Assessment, on behalf of ATCO, for the proposed excavation work related to removal of the

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<sup>1</sup> DA2012-335; Application No. 1609014, Proceeding ID No. 2259

valve assembly at the Rossdale plant site. ATCO has submitted a copy of *Historical Resources Act* Clearance which was granted on April 8, 2013.

ATCO stated that any liquids, if present, contained within the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. There are no watercourse crossings that would be directly affected by the pipeline removal/abandonment activities.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves no significant incremental 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".

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

Attachment