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Abandonment of Pipelines
Permit and Licence Nos. 1990 and 5245
Application No. 1610224
Proceeding ID No. 3014

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610224 registered on January 2, 2014, 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 1990:

- abandonment of lines 22 and 23

Pertaining to Permit and Licence 5245:

- abandonment of lines 1 and 2

The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of the existing pipeline segments, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence No. 1990 and Licence No. 5245.

ATCO stated that the existing pipelines were identified as being in conflict with the proposed road construction of the northeast Edmonton Anthony Henday Drive (NEAHD) at Yellowhead Trail (Highway 16) located within the Edmonton transportation utility corridor. To accommodate the road construction, the pipeline was abandoned. The project scope was determined by the Joint Venture (Flatiron-Dragados-Aecon-Lafarge) who is the P3 proponent for NEAHD. The cost of the work was fully reimbursed by the Joint Venture.

ATCO stated that the existing site is currently under extensive earth work by the Joint Venture to accommodate the proposed interchange. Construction occurred within this pre-disturbed area. All construction activities complied with the Joint Venture's NEAHD Eco-plan.

In its submission, ATCO also stated that on October 18, 2013, all abandonment activities were completed according to AUC Rule 20: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines* requirements and

all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year. There were no watercourse crossings affected by the abandonment activities.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 20. Alberta Infrastructure has indicated that ministerial consent is not required for this project, as there is no new pipeline construction. Alberta Infrastructure has issued right-of-entry to ATCO onto land owned by Alberta Infrastructure for pipeline abandonment workspace for the project.

ATCO stated that the original Line 23 was split into lines 23 and 24 under AUC DA2013-238, Application No. 1609946, Proceeding ID No. 2849, Licence 1990.

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 permits and licences are attached.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment