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Pipeline removal
Permit and Licence No. 2594
Application No. 1610358
Proceeding ID No. 3101

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610358, registered on February 27, 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:

- splitting Line 209 into lines 209, 274, 275 and 276
- removal of Line 274
- lines 209 and 275 are to be abandoned under a subsequent application
- Line 276 is to remain operating

The proposed work is related to a 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. 2594.

ATCO stated that its 323.9 millimetre (12 inch NPS) North Edmonton Loop pipeline is located in an urban environment and has become obsolete because of the installation of the 508 millimetre (20 inch NPS) Northwest Edmonton Connector pipeline in the Edmonton transportation utility corridor (TUC) in 2011. A 1.73 kilometre long section of the North Edmonton Loop pipeline will be abandoned in place from 141 Street in LSD 16-27-53-25-W4M to the west side of 127 Street in LSD 08-01-54-25-W4M. All above ground facilities will be removed. A developer has requested that a 175 metre long segment of the 323.9 millimetre North Edmonton Loop pipeline in LSD 01-01-54-25-W4M be removed to accommodate future development. This removal project will be at the cost of the developer.

Under a subsequent application, once the split and removal work is completed, ATCO Pipelines will file an application for the abandonment of lines 209 and 275 of the North Edmonton Loop transmission pipeline. The removal work outlined in this application will not impact the Edmonton TUC. The abandonment work, under a subsequent application, of this line will require

work in the TUC. Accordingly the appropriate ministerial consent will be obtained before the abandonment work would occur.

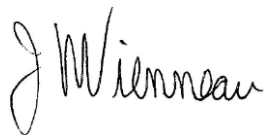
ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the removal activities. Any liquids contained in the pipe will be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO Pipelines on April 5, 2013. Construction operations are scheduled to be started in summer of 2014, upon receipt of approval from the AUC.

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.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment