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Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle
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Pipeline Abandonment
Permit and Licence No. 30417
Application No. 1610379
Proceeding ID No. 3108

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610379 registered on March 6, 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 abandonment of lines 28 and 30 in Townships 50 and 51, Range 24, west of the Fourth Meridian. The proposed work is related to the minor abandonment of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 30417.

ATCO stated that it received approval for the Usona transmission upgrade for class location project in AUC Decision [DA2013-191](#).¹ As a part of this project, the abandonment of lines 28 and 30 was completed on December 18, 2013.

In its application, ATCO also stated that the pipelines were abandoned in accordance with AUC requirements that all associated surface facilities would be removed and the surface sites would be reclaimed within one year.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involved no significant ground disturbance and was within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work was 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 was of a minor nature, no person other than the landowners and occupants of the land upon which the project took place was likely to be directly affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the proposed project.

¹ DA2013-191: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Usona Transmission Pipeline Replacement, Minor pipeline project application, Application No. 1609811, Proceeding ID No. 2766, August 16, 2013.

The Commission approves the application. The amended permit and licence is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J W Vienneau". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Wade Vienneau
Executive Director – Facilities Division
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment