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Attention: Alex Burnside, E.I.T.
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Pipeline Split and Removal
Permit and Licence No. 7231
Application No. 1610476
Proceeding No. 3173

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610476 registered on April 14, 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 7 into lines 7, 30 and 31
- splitting Line 27 into lines 27, 32 and 33
- removal of lines 5, 7, 27, 31 and 33
- lines 30 and 32 to be abandoned in place under a future application

The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipelines, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approval granted in Permit and Licence No. 7231.

ATCO stated that as part of the ATCO Gas overall plan to service increasing demand associated with urban development in the Ellerslie area, the two existing farm tap units on the 168.3-millimetre (mm) Ellerslie Lateral pipeline would be abandoned and the existing gas distribution system would be connected to a new ATCO Gas distribution pipeline. Since the Ellerslie Lateral would no longer be serving any customers it would be abandoned by ATCO.

ATCO stated that a developer has requested that the Ellerslie Lateral pipeline be removed to allow for future development of the area. The scope of the project is to remove 2,080 metres and abandon 290 metres of the existing 168.3-mm Ellerslie Lateral pipeline from 04-13-51-25-W4M to 02-18-51-24-W4M. The 290-metre abandonment would include the 20-metre segment of pipeline beneath 127th Street S.W. and a 270-metre section east of 127th Street. The 2,080-metre segment would be abandoned by ATCO and removed by a developer. ATCO would monitor the developer's removal of the pipeline which is to begin in May or June of 2014. The developer would be responsible for the removal cost of the project.

ATCO stated that any liquids contained in the pipe would be removed prior to the abandonment and removal activities.

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".

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

Attachment