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**Anthony Henday Drive Pipeline Removal
Permit and Licence No. 3295
Application No. 1610515
Proceeding No. 3195**

Minor pipeline project application

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610515 registered on April 28, 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 Township 52, Range 23 west of the Fourth Meridian:

- removal of Line 15.
- mapping amendment of Line 15.

The proposed work is related to the minor removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 3295.

ATCO stated that the 60.3 mm pipeline (Line 15) has been identified as being in conflict with proposed road construction of the northeast Edmonton Anthony Henday Drive (NEAHD) within Edmonton's transportation utility corridor (TUC). To accommodate the road construction, the pipeline would be removed. 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 would be fully reimbursed by the joint venture. ATCO recently installed a new low pressure pipeline, to replace Line 15 and to feed the customers in the area. There are no remaining customers on the ATCO Pipelines 60.3 mm pipeline.

ATCO stated that the project does not require a historical resource impact assessment (HRIA) since it is a Class II pipeline and the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit's listing of historic resources. The existing site is currently under extensive earth work by the joint venture to accommodate the proposed interchange. Construction would occur within this pre-disturbed area. All construction activities would comply with the joint venture's NEAHD eco-plan. There are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by the removal activities. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity.

Consultation with landowners and occupants has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. 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 for the project. Construction operations are currently planned to commence in May or June 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