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**Pipeline Splits, Removals and Replacement  
Permits and Licences No. 52 and 9770  
Application No. 1610548  
Proceeding No. 3209**

**Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610548 registered on May 7, 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 56, Range 21, west of the Fourth Meridian:

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 52:

- splitting Line 6 into lines 6 and 37
- removal of Line 37

Pertaining to Permit and Licence No. 9770:

- splitting Line 3 into lines 3 and 5
- removal of Line 5
- addition of a proposed pipeline (Line 6 – 0.90 kilometres (km) of 168.3-millimetre (mm) outside-diameter (OD) pipeline)

The proposed work is related to minor splits, removals, and replacement of pipe previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Permit and Licence No. 52 and Permit and Licence No. 9770.

ATCO stated that the proposed project is required to accommodate ATCO Electric Ltd.'s proposed overhead electric transmission line in 29/32-56-21-W4M. The cost of the work would be fully reimbursed by ATCO Electric Ltd. ATCO proposed to install approximately 900 metres of 168.3-mm OD pipeline (Line 6 of Permit and Licence No. 9770) and to remove approximately 900 metres of existing 168.3-mm OD pipeline (Line 37 of Permit and Licence No. 52 and Line 5 of Permit and Licence No. 9770). The proposed pipeline would be installed within a new right-of-way.

ATCO stated that there are no watercourse crossings that would be affected by this application, however, ATCO has submitted a code of practice notification under the *Water Act* for a Class III wetland in the project area, and indicated it would comply with all conditions imposed by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. ATCO submitted that the project does not require a historical resources impact assessment because the proposed work area is not referenced in the latest edition of Alberta Culture's Listing of Historic Resources. Any liquids contained in the pipe would be captured and disposed of prior to the removal activity. The proposed pipeline would be installed within two industrial lots within a pipeline and power line corridor. ATCO stated that it would follow standard environmental impact mitigations as described in the *Environmental Handbook for Pipeline Construction — 1988* and industry standard practices. After the pipeline is removed, ATCO would reclaim the right-of-way to pre-disturbance conditions. ATCO is currently planning to retain the right-of-way of the removed pipeline so a reclamation certificate is not proposed to be acquired at this time.

ATCO stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Confirmation of non-objection by directly and/or adversely affected landowners and occupants was obtained by ATCO on May 1, 2014. Construction operations are planned to commence in June of 2014 upon receipt of approval.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves minor ground disturbance, 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

Attachments