

**DA2014-140**

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ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South)  
7210 – 42 Street N.W.  
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 3H1Attention: Jo-Anne Van Sickle  
Senior Administrative Coordinator**Pipeline Splits and Removals**  
**Licences No. 1952 and No. 5895**  
**Application No. 1610650**  
**Proceeding No. 3278****Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610650 registered on June 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 following in Township 25, Range 5, west of the Fifth Meridian:

Pertaining to Licence No. 1952:

- splitting Line 44 into lines 44 and 58
- splitting Line 49 into lines 49 and 59
- removal of lines 48, 49 and 58

Pertaining to Licence No. 5895:

- splitting Line 120 into lines 120 and 166
- splitting Line 141 into lines 141 and 167
- removal of lines 140, 141 and 166

The proposed work is related to minor splits and removals of pipe previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence No. 1952 and Licence No. 5895.

ATCO stated that the subject lines are located within the Jumping Pound Creek and were previously abandoned in 2007. This particular section of the Jumping Pound Creek is very active and some sections of abandoned pipe have since been exposed on the north bank of the creek and at the bottom of the creek channel. Therefore, ATCO proposed to remove exposed sections of abandoned pipeline, as well as any sections of abandoned pipeline that have been deemed to be at risk of becoming exposed in the future. Approximately 200 metres of previously abandoned 323.9-millimetre (mm) outside diameter (OD) Jumping Pound Transmission Pipeline (lines 48, 49 and 58 of Licence No. 1952) and approximately 180 metres of abandoned 406.4-mm OD

Jumping Pound West Transmission Pipeline (lines 140, 141 and 166 of Licence No. 5895) would be removed from Jumping Pound Creek.

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*. There were no outstanding objections or concerns related to the removal of the pipelines. Furthermore, an application was made to Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development for a First Nations consultation adequacy assessment, and it was found that no consultation was required.

ATCO stated that it retained SNC Lavalin Inc. to complete an environmental survey and assessment report. The report included mitigation measures that would be implemented in order to meet all applicable environmentally related federal and provincial acts including the *Alberta Wildlife Act*, the *Canada Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Canada Species at Risk Act*. An environmental inspector would be on-site for the duration of the pipeline removal activities to ensure compliance. ATCO further stated that the proposed pipeline is located in lands with a designated historic resource value according to Alberta Culture's listing of historic resources and that *Historical Resource Act* clearance was obtained on May 27, 2014.

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves minor 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 licences are attached.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment