

**DA2014-230**

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Attention: Alex Burnside, E.I.T.  
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**Pipeline Abandonment**  
**Licence No. 7231**  
**Application No. 1610888**  
**Proceeding No. 3446**

### **Minor pipeline project application**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) (ATCO), by Application No. 1610888 registered on October 1, 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 30 and 32 in Township 51, Ranges 24 and 25 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 subsequently abandoned in accordance with approvals granted in Licence No. 7231.

ATCO stated that it received approval from the AUC to split Line 7 into lines 7, 30 and 31 and split Line 27 into lines 27, 32 and 33 under Application No. 1610476, Decision DA2014-106.<sup>1</sup> Lines 30 and 32 were to be abandoned. Lines 5, 7, 27, 31 and 33 were to be removed.

ATCO stated that lines 30 and 32 were abandoned on August 22, 2014. Line 30 was purged with air and filled with grout. Line 32 was purged and filled with air. The abandoned pipelines were capped and abandonment tags were added.

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

ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Since the project involves limited ground disturbance and is within the original right-of-way, the resultant environmental impact of the work has been assessed with limited 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

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<sup>1</sup> DA2014-106: ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (South) – Pipeline Split and Removal, Permit and Licence No. 7231, Application No. 1610476, Proceeding No. 3173, April 28, 2014.

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 licence is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

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

Attachment