

September 7, 2017

**Decision 22902-D01-2017**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.  
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Attention: Alex Burnside, P. Eng.  
Project Engineer, Pipelines Engineering

**Split and Removal on the Abandoned Southern Extension Pipeline  
Licence 2526  
Proceeding 22902  
Application 22902-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by Application 22902-A001 registered on August 25, 2017, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* for the following in the city of Red Deer:
  - splitting of line 8 into lines 8, 213 and 214
  - removal of line 213
2. The proposed work is related to the minor split and removal of existing pipe, within the original right-of-way, previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 2526.
3. ATCO stated that the City of Red Deer requested to have a 30 metre long section of the abandoned 168.3 millimetre Southern Extension Pipeline, line 213, removed to allow for planned road upgrades. The total cost is estimated at \$65,000. Since this type of development is covered under provisions within the City of Red Deer's franchise agreement, ATCO would be responsible for 100 per cent of the removal costs.
4. ATCO indicated that the pipeline would be tested for liquids prior to removal and any liquids found would be removed and properly disposed of.
5. ATCO also stated that consultation with landowners and occupants for this work has been completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. Construction is scheduled to start in September of 2017.
6. 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 no significant impact identified. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.

7. 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.

8. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the regulatory treatment of the costs of the assets to be removed, retired or abandoned pursuant to the application, the costs incurred in carrying out these activities, or the associated rate implications. The amended licence is attached.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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

Attachment