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Decision 23043-D01-2017

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Attention: Kellen Westman, P. Eng.
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**West Calgary Connector Pipeline Project Tie-in
Licences 1951, 1952 and 5895
Proceeding 23043
Applications 23043-A001 to 23043-A003**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (ATCO), by applications 23043-A001 to 23043-A003 registered on October 24, 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:

Pertaining to Licence 1951:

- splitting of line 15 into lines 15, 19 and 20
- removal of line 19

Pertaining to Licence 1952:

- splitting of line 53 into lines 53, 86 and 87
- removal of line 86
- mapping amendment of lines 53 and 65
- length amendment of line 65 from 0.67 kilometres to 0.35 kilometres
- “To Location” Legal Subdivision amendment of line 65 from Legal Subdivision 2 to Legal Subdivision 1
- installation of a temporary surface pipeline (line 88 – 0.07 kilometres of 323.9–millimetre outside-diameter pipeline)

Pertaining to Licence 5895:

- splitting of line 9 into lines 9, 208 and 209
- removal of line 208
- mapping amendment of original line 9

2. The proposed work is related to minor splits, removals, and record amendments within the original right-of-way for pipelines previously constructed and operating in accordance with

approvals granted in licences 1951, 1952 and 5895, and the addition of a temporary surface pipeline to Licence 1952.

3. ATCO stated that a 10-metre long section of 406.4-millimetre pipeline, line 208 of Licence 5895, at the Jumping Pound Tie-in would be removed in order to facilitate the connection of the West Calgary Connector Pipeline Project¹ to the existing system. At the North Branch Tie-in, a 10-metre long section of 406.4-millimetre pipeline, line 19 of Licence 1951, would also be removed to accommodate the connection of the West Calgary Connector Pipeline Project to the existing system.

4. A 50-metre long section of 323.9-millimetre pipeline, line 86 of Licence 1952, would be removed in order to accommodate the connection of the West Calgary Connector Pipeline Project to the existing system at the Pinebrook Control Station. At this location, a 70-metre long 323.9-millimetre temporary surface pipeline, line 88, would be installed as a bypass to connect line 53 to line 87 until the West Calgary Connector Pipeline Project is fully commissioned. The Commission accepts ATCO's submission that line 88 would be fully contained within the Pinebrook Station site, fencing and signage would be erected around line 88 to indicate the hazards and restrict entry, and that overnight security would be provided. The Commission also accepts ATCO's submission that line 88 would meet all the requirements of the *Pipeline Rules* (a regulation under the *Pipeline Act*) Section 21, clauses 2, 3 and 4 and the materials would conform to CSA Z662.15.

5. 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.

6. 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.

¹ Decision 21591-D01-2017: ATCO Pipelines, a division of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. – West Calgary Connector Pipelines Project, Proceeding 21591, Application 21591-A001, February 21, 2017.

7. 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 licences are attached.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachments