

August 6, 2019

**Decision 24742-D01-2019**

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.  
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Attention: Jacqueline Fusco, EIT  
Operations Engineering

**Add an Unlicenced Temporary Surface Pipeline  
Licence 625  
Proceeding 24742  
Application 24742-A001**

**Minor pipeline project application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., by Application 24742-A001 registered on July 17, 2019, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 11 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to add an unlicenced existing temporary surface pipeline (line 83 – 0.06 kilometres of 114.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline) to Licence 625 in Jasper National Park.
2. ATCO stated that a channel of the Fiddle River in the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 49, Range 27, west of the Fifth Meridian has eroded the ground and reduced the depth of cover on the 114.3-millimetre Jasper Transmission Pipeline to approximately 150 millimetres. The Jasper Transmission Pipeline is critical to maintain safe and reliable service to Jasper. In order to mitigate risk from further erosion and exposure of the pipeline, a temporary surface pipeline, line 83, was installed. The temporary surface pipeline was put into service on July 10, 2019.
3. ATCO stated that the temporary surface pipeline meets all requirements set out in the *Pipeline Rules*, Section 21, clauses 2, 3 and 4 of *Alberta Regulation 91/2005* and the materials used for the temporary surface pipeline are steel and conform to CSA Z662-15 standards. Signage is installed near the temporary surface pipeline and the private access road leading to it is controlled by a locked gate.
4. ATCO stated that it received a 21-day temporary surface pipeline permit from the Alberta Energy Regulator to allow construction of the temporary surface pipeline as per AUC Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*, Section 6.5.1. ATCO indicated that the temporary surface pipeline may be in place for up to 24 months, therefore, ATCO is requesting approval to add an unlicenced existing temporary surface pipeline to Licence 625. ATCO would submit an application to install the new permanent pipeline crossing and remove the temporary surface pipeline under a subsequent application.

5. The Commission accepts ATCO statement that the environmental requirements outlined in the Parks Canada special activity permit were implemented by ATCO for this project. ATCO also stated that an aquatic biologist was on-site during the installation of the temporary surface pipeline to ensure that any impact to the area was kept to a minimum.
6. ATCO stated that consultation with Parks Canada for this work was completed and ATCO received a special activity permit from Parks Canada to construct this temporary surface pipeline.
7. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Because the project involved limited ground disturbance and was within the original right-of-way, ATCO assessed the resultant environmental impact of the work as limited. The landowners and occupants of the affected lands did not object to the project.
8. The Commission accepts that the temporary surface pipeline was required to be installed in response to an emergency circumstance arising from a soil erosion washout near the Fiddle River on the existing 114.3-millimetre Jasper Transmission Pipeline.
9. Based upon the information provided, the Commission is satisfied that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person was directly and adversely affected by the proposal, and no significant adverse environmental impact was caused by the proposed project.
10. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the final 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.
11. The Commission may, within 30 days of the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

**Alberta Utilities Commission**

*(original signed by)*

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

Attachment