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Decision 24773-D01-2019

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

**Pipeline Abandonment on the Ardrossan Transmission Pipeline in the Ardrossan Area
Licence 3285
Proceeding 24773
Application 24773-A001**

Record amendment application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., by Application 24773-A001 registered on July 25, 2019, filed an application with the Alberta Utilities Commission under Section 12 of the *Pipeline Act* and Section 4.1 of the *Gas Utilities Act* to amend the “status” of line 7, which is 0.47 kilometres of 26.7-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline on the Ardrossan Transmission Pipeline in the Ardrossan area, from operating to abandoned. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 3285.
2. ATCO completed the abandonment of the 26.7-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline as part of a project to remove abandoned taps along the Ardrossan Transmission Pipeline. The project included the removal of seven abandoned taps and the abandonment of line 7, under Licence 3285. The pipeline was abandoned in place. ATCO completed this project in June 2019.
3. ATCO stated that the abandonment was within the 90-day notification period. Consultation with landowners and occupants for this work was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. The work completed was done on private and public lands. All liquids contained in the pipe were captured and disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.
4. ATCO provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the pipeline record amendment. Since the record amendment does not involve a ground disturbance, there will be no environmental impact.
5. Based upon the information provided, the Commission is satisfied that the proposal is of a minor nature, no person will be directly and adversely affected by the proposal, and no adverse environmental impact will be caused by the proposed record amendment.

6. 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.

7. 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