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Decision 24781-D01-2019

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.
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Attention: Alex Morcom, EIT
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**Villeneuve Transmission Pipeline Maximum Operating Pressure Decrease
Licence 30475
Proceeding 24781
Application 24781-A001**

Minor pipeline project application

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., by Application 24781-A001 registered on July 29, 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 decrease the maximum operating pressure of line 1 under Licence 30475 from 8,480 kilopascals to 5,520 kilopascals.
2. The proposed work is related to the decrease of maximum operating pressure of an existing pipeline previously constructed and operating in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 30475.
3. ATCO stated that it has identified a difference of greater than five per cent in the licenced maximum operating pressure of the Villeneuve Transmission Pipeline, line 1 of Licence 30475 and the pipelines that are connected to it. The pipelines connected to the Villeneuve Transmission Pipeline are the Paddle River transmission pipelines, line 49 of Licence 5341 and line 11 of Licence 12109. The Paddle River transmission pipelines have a maximum operating pressure of 5,520 kilopascals while the maximum operating pressure of the Villeneuve Transmission Pipeline is 8,480 kilopascals. ATCO is planning to reduce the maximum operating pressure of the Villeneuve Transmission Pipeline to 5,520 kilopascals to match the maximum operating pressure of the connected pipelines.
4. ATCO also stated that this pipeline system would be operationally unaffected by the change as ATCO currently operates this system below the lowest licenced maximum operating pressure of 5,520 kilopascals.
5. ATCO has provided information respecting the need, nature and extent of the project. Because the project involves no ground disturbance, ATCO assessed the resultant environmental impact of the work as limited.

6. 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 is likely to be caused by the proposed project.

7. The Commission approves the application. The amended licence is attached.

8. 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.
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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Attachment