

August 9, 2019

**Decision 24790-D01-2019**

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Attention: Eric Filipowski, E.I.T.  
Major Projects, UPR  
Natural Gas Transmission Division

**Pipeline Abandonment of the Kilini Creek Receipt Lateral Transmission Pipeline in the Onoway Area  
Licence 28593  
Proceeding 24790  
Application 24790-A001**

**Record amendment application**

1. ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., by Application 24790-A001 registered on July 30, 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* for the abandonment of line 4 of the Kilini Creek Receipt Lateral Transmission Pipeline, which is 11.96 kilometres of 168.3-millimetre outside-diameter pipeline. The proposed amendment is related to facilities previously constructed and operated in accordance with approvals granted in Licence 28593.
2. ATCO completed the abandonment of line 4 of the 168.3-millimetre outside-diameter Kilini Creek Receipt Lateral Transmission Pipeline in March 2019. ATCO failed to complete the application for abandonment within the 90-day notification period and applied to amend the “status” of line 4 from operating to abandoned. The total length of line 4 is 11.96 kilometres, and was abandoned in its entirety.
3. ATCO described that the Kilini Creek Receipt Lateral Transmission Pipeline required abandonment due to the shutdown of the Rigel Energy facility. The pipeline was a dedicated asset with no other connections along its length making it a dead leg<sup>1</sup> upon the shutdown of the producer.
4. ATCO stated that consultation and notification for this work, which took place on private lands, was completed in accordance with Rule 020: *Rules Respecting Gas Utility Pipelines*. All liquids contained in the pipeline were captured and properly disposed of prior to the abandonment activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 82(3)(e) of AR91/2005 *Pipelines Rules* prescribes circumstances where a pipeline segment cannot contain a dead leg with no flow.

5. 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.
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 will be caused by the proposed record amendment.
7. The Commission approves the application. In approving the application, however, the Commission makes no determination regarding the regulatory treatment of the cost 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.
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.  
Director, Facilities Division  
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

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