

File 4200-T054-1 21 December 2005

Ms. Céline Bélanger Vice President, Regulatory Services TransCanada PipeLines Limited 450 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.W. Calgary, AB T2P 5H1 Facsimile (403) 920-2347

Dear Ms. Bélanger:

TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada)
TransCanada B.C. System (B.C. System)
Statement of Rates and Charges effective 1 January 2006 and
Amendments to the B.C. System Gas Transportation Service Documents (GTSD)

The Board received an application from TransCanada on 1 December 2005 for approval of rates and charges for transportation service on the B.C. System and amendments to the GTSD. The Board noted that TransCanada had provided interested parties a copy of the proposed amended GTSD and a copy of the proposed amended rates and charges effective 1 January 2006 along with the supporting schedules. Further, the Board acknowledged that the proposed increase in the B.C. Systems deemed equity ratio is supported by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

Prior to issuing a decision, the Board sought comments from interested parties on the Application and process due by noon Calgary time on 15 December 2005. No comments were received.

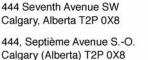
The Board notes that on 2 November 2005, TransCanada filed another application with the Board for approval of GTSD amendments related to Short Term Firm Service (STFS-1), proposed to be effective 1 January 2006. For the purposes of the 1 December 2005 application, TransCanada assumed that the GTSD amendments associated with STFS-1 were approved and in effect. However, the Board's assessment is ongoing and a decision is not expected until after 1 January 2006.

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The Board, therefore, directs the 1 December 2005 applied for rates and charges for the B.C. System be made interim effective 1 January 2006, pending final disposition of the 2 November 2005 application.

TransCanada is directed to serve a copy of this letter on all shippers and interested parties.

Yours truly,

Michel L. Mantha Secretary

Attachment

## **ORDER TGI-05-2005**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *National Energy Board Act* (the Act) and the regulations made thereunder; and

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) for rates and charges effective 1 January 2006 on its B.C. System and amendments to the B.C. System Gas Transportation Service Documents.

**BEFORE** the Board on 21 December 2005.

**WHEREAS** by Application dated 1 December 2005, TransCanada applied under paragraph 60(1)(a) of the Act seeking approval of rates and charges for the B.C. System and amendments to the Gas Transportation Service Documents to be effective 1 January 2006;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board sought comments from shippers and interested parties on the Application and process;

**AND WHEREAS** no parties submitted comments;

**AND WHEREAS** by Application dated 2 November 2005, TransCanada applied under paragraph 60(1)(b) of the Act seeking approval of GTSD amendments related to Short Term Firm Service (STFS-1) on the B.C. System, proposed to be effective 1 January 2006;

**AND WHEREAS** for the purpose of the Application dated 1 December 2005, TransCanada assumed that the GTSD amendments related to STFS-1 applied for by the Application dated 2 November 2005, were approved and in effect;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has not yet made a decision on the GTSD amendments related to STFS-1 applied for by the Application dated 2 November 2005;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** pursuant to subsection 19(2) and section 59 of the Act the B.C. System's applied for rates and charges and amendments to the GTSD as applied for 1 December 2005 are interim effective 1 January 2006.

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Michel L. Mantha

Secretary

