## National Energy Board Office national de l'énergie

File OF-Tolls-Group1-N081-2011-01 01 8 September 2011

Ms. Carolyn Shaw Regulatory Project Manager Regulatory Services TransCanada PipeLines Limited 450 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street S.W. Calgary, AB T2P 5H1 Facsimile 403-920-2347

Dear Ms. Shaw:

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) Integration Implementation and Final 2011 Rate, Tolls and Charges Application Compliance Filing, dated 30 August 2011

On 19 August 2011, the National Energy Board (NEB or Board) issued Order TG-05-2011 (the Order) that directed NGTL to identify a new implementation effective date for the integration of the Alberta System and the ATCO Pipelines System (Revised IED). On 30 August 2011, NGTL filed an application identifying 1 October 2011 as the Revised IED (the Application). The Application also sought approval for final 2011 rates, tolls and charges for the Alberta System up to 30 September 2011 and for the Integrated Alberta System for the remainder of 2011 (Final 2011 Tolls).

The Board finds that the process leading up to the issuance of the Order provided an adequate opportunity for all affected parties to comment on the matters raised in the Application.

The Board examined the derivation of the rates, tolls and charges during the process leading up to the issuance of the Order, and has considered the relevant adjustments as set out in the Application (including the addition of certain meter stations for receipt and delivery points). The Board finds that the tolls will be just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory for the Alberta System up to the 30 September 2011 and for the Integrated Alberta System for the remainder of 2011. The Board grants NGTL's application for Final 2011 Tolls as set out in the attached toll order TG-006-2011.

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ATCO Pipelines is a tradename, used by ATCO Gas and Pipelines Limited, the corporation that owns the ATCO Pipelines System facilities.

The Board directs NGTL to serve a copy of this decision on shippers and all parties included in the process leading up to the issuance of the Order.

Yours truly,

Anne-Marie Erickson Secretary of the Board

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Attachment



## ORDER TG-006-2011

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

IN THE MATTER OF an Application dated 30 August 2011 by NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) for approvals required to implement the Integration of the ATCO Pipelines System and the Alberta System and for approval of final rates, tolls and charges for Alberta System services for 2011 under File OF-Tolls-Group1-N081-2011-01 01.

**BEFORE** the National Energy Board (the Board) on 7 September 2011.

WHEREAS in RHW-1-2010, the Board approved the Alberta System rate design methodology and terms and conditions of services in accordance with the provisions of the Rate Design and Services Review Settlement and the commercial integration of the Alberta System and the ATCO Pipeline System pursuant to the provisions of the Alberta System Integration Agreement between ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. and NGTL dated 7 April 2009;

**AND WHEREAS** in Order TGI-04-2010, 22 December 2010, the Board approved interim rates tolls and charges for the Alberta System for 2011, and revisions were filed by NGTL on 9 February 2011, 31 May 2011, 6 July 2011 and 30 August 2011 (Interim 2011 Rates);

**AND WHEREAS** in Order TG-05-2011, issued on 19 August 2011, in response to an application filed by NGTL on 16 May 2011 (16 May 2011 NGTL Application), the Board approved Final Tolls for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 July 2011 for the Alberta System, and directed NGTL to file a revised date to commence offering commercial services on the Integrated Alberta System (Revised Integration Effective Date), in order to finalize the 2011 rates, tolls and charges for Alberta System and the Integrated Alberta System services (Final 2011 Tolls);

**AND WHEREAS** on 30 August 2011, NGTL identified 1 October 2011 as the Revised Integration Effective Date and sought approval of Final 2011 Tolls (30 August 2011 NGTL Application);

**AND WHEREAS** the Board finds that there has been sufficient opportunity for parties to comment on the matters raised in the 30 August 2011 NGTL Application;



**AND WHEREAS** the Board finds the Final 2011 Tolls to be calculated in accordance with the Board approved rate design methodology and the commercial integration transition mechanisms and finds the Final 2011 Tolls to be just and reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory;

## **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, pursuant to Parts I and IV of the NEB Act, that:

- 1. For the period of 1 August 2011 to 30 September 2011, the rates, tolls and charges at the same level as the Interim 2011 Rates on the Alberta System are approved as final; and
- 2. For the period of 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011, the rates, tolls and charges on the Integrated Alberta System as set out in Attachment 15 to the 16 May 2011 NGTL Application and amended by Attachment A to the 30 August 2011 NGTL Application, are approved as final.

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Anne-Marie Erickson Secretary of the Board