

File OF-Tolls-Group1-M124-2011-01 01 11 January 2012

Mr. Ian Leadley Manager, Regulatory Affairs Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. **Suite 1600** 1801 Hollis Street Halifax, NS B3J 3N4 Facsimile 902-425-4592

Dear Mr. Leadley:

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) Application for Approval of a 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2013 (the Application)

On 13 December 2011, M&NP applied, under Part IV of the National Energy Board Act, for approval of its 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement. As part of its Application, M&NP submitted that its 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement fulfills the requirements of the Board's 12 June 2002 Revised Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs. M&NP stated that all parties having an interest in M&NP's tolls and tariffs had a fair opportunity to participate in the negotiations and have their interests recognized and appropriately weighted.

M&NP forwarded copies of its Application to its Tolls and Tariff Working Group (TTWG) members and observers and to Interested Parties in its RH-3-2001 and RH-4-2010 tolls proceedings. M&NP requested that parties wishing to comment on the Application provide their comments to the Board and M&NP by 22 December 2011. The Board received no comments on or expressions of opposition to the Application.

After considering the Application, the Board is satisfied that the resultant tolls are just and reasonable. On that basis, the Board approves the 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement. The attached Order TG-001-2012 gives effect to this decision.

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The Board directs M&NP to provide a copy of this letter and the attached Order to its TTWG and all RH-3-2001 and RH-4-2010 Interested Parties.

Yours truly,

L. George

Acting Secretary of the Board

Attachment

ORDER TG-001-2012

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

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (M&NP) dated 13 December 2011 for approval of the 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement under Part IV of the Act, filed with the National Energy Board (the Board) under File OF-Tolls-Group1-M124-2011-01 01.

BEFORE the Board on 11 January 2012.

WHEREAS the Board on 16 December 2010 issued Order AO-1-TGI-01-2010, which authorized M&NP to charge, on an interim basis, effective 1 January 2011, tolls for service, pending a final order of the Board concerning 2011 tolls;

AND WHEREAS M&NP on 13 December 2011 applied to the Board for approval of a settlement agreement relating to tolls for 2011 to 2013 (the Application) which had been approved by an unopposed resolution of the M&NP Tolls and Tariff Working Group (TTWG);

AND WHEREAS M&NP forwarded copies of its Application to its TTWG members and observers and other interested parties and requested that anyone wishing to comment on its Application provide their comments to the Board and M&NP by 22 December 2011;

AND WHEREAS the Board has received no comments opposing the Application from any TTWG members, observers or any other interested parties;

AND WHEREAS the Board has considered M&NP's Application and is satisfied that M&NP's tolls, calculated in accordance with the 2011-2013 Tolls Settlement Agreement, are just and reasonable;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, under Part IV of the Act, that:

- 1. M&NP shall charge tolls for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013 in accordance with the Application; and
- 2. M&NP shall cease to charge the interim tolls authorized under Order AO-1-TGI-01-2010 as of the end of the day on 31 December 2011.

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Acting Secretary of the Board

