


MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 7th day of April 2006.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. TTFP Resolution T2005-09 NGTL Tariff Clean-up	Application No. 1447028

1 BACKGROUND

On February 14, 2006, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board or EUB) received Application No. 1447028 (the Application) from NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) requesting, pursuant to Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, approval of amendments to NGTL’s Gas Transportation Tariff (Tariff) related to a general tariff clean-up.

A Notice of Application was issued via email, on March 17, 2006, to parties (on the NGTL 2005 GRA Phase I and Phase II distribution lists) and was posted on the EUB and NGTL websites. Submissions from interested parties were requested by March 27, 2006. The Board did not receive any submissions to the Application.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

On December 13, 2005, the Tolls, Tariffs, Facilities & Procedures Committee (TTFP) adopted Issue T2005-09 for the purpose of evaluating the removal of Service During Tests and Term Swaps from the Tariff and clarifying the process of pooling service during Interruptions and Curtailments. Subsequent to the adoption of Issue T2005-09, the TTFP met once to discuss the NGTL Tariff clean-up. NGTL submitted that it was determined that removal of Service During Tests and clarifying pooled service during Interruptions and Curtailments were appropriate amendments, but certain desirable features of Term Swaps would not otherwise be available without the Tariff reference to Term Swaps. As a result, NGTL only proposed to make amendments to the Tariff for Service During Tests and Interruptions and Curtailments.

NGTL submitted that in May 2005, an internal review of its Tariff was conducted with the objective of identifying errors, incorrect terminology or references to lapsed business practices. As a result of this comprehensive review, NGTL proposed the following changes:

Service During Tests:

- Remove tariff references to Service During Tests from the FT-R, FT-RN and LRS Rate Schedules as the practice is no longer applicable, and NGTL is unable to identify any utilization of the Service During Tests feature in the past 10 years.

Pooled Service During Curtailments:

- Clarify NGTL's current process for managing interruption and curtailment in pooled service areas by amending the General Terms & Conditions, Article 11.4, Priority During Interruptions, as well as providing procedural documentation on the TransCanada website.

Term Swaps:

- NGTL originally proposed to remove Term Swaps from the following Rate Schedules: FT-R; FT-RN; FT-D; FT-DW; FT-A; FT-X; FT-P; and LRS-2. However, in response to customer concerns and upon further investigation, NGTL concluded that despite minimal demand and usage, there were unique service needs that may continue to be met by term swaps.
- N may pursue future clean-up opportunities with respect to Term Swaps to remove redundant language from the tariff and possibly include the provisions along with Transfers.

In the Application, NGTL submitted that on February 14, 2006, the TTFP supported the removal of the provision for Service During Tests and the amendments to Interruptions and Curtailments through an unopposed vote on Resolution T2005-09. NGTL attached to its Application, a copy of Resolution T2005-09, along with a copy of the Contract Demand Pooling During Curtailments procedure for information, a black-lined copy of the relevant pages of the Tariff illustrating the amendments, and a clean copy of the relevant pages of the Tariff incorporating the amendments.

3 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board notes that shippers potentially affected by the proposed amendments related to the general tariff clean-up had the opportunity to discuss this issue at a meeting of the TTFP, and that Resolution T2005-09 was passed through an unopposed vote. The Board also notes that no parties filed an objection with regard to the Application.

In assessing the reasonableness of the proposed Tariff amendments, the Board recognizes that NGTL conducted an internal review of its Tariff with the objective of identifying errors, incorrect terminology or references to lapsed business practices. As a result of this comprehensive review, NGTL proposed the applied for changes. The Board also notes NGTL's submission that it originally proposed to remove Term Swaps from the following Rate Schedules: FT-R; FT-RN; FT-D; FT-DW; FT-A; FT-X; FT-P; and LRS-2, however in response to customer concerns and upon further investigation, NGTL concluded that despite minimal demand and usage, there were unique service needs that may continue to be met by term swaps. The Board considers that providing customers the opportunity to comment helps ensure that affected parties are treated fairly.

Based on the potential for a more efficient use of the Alberta System, and the absence of objections to the Application, the Board finds that the requested amendments to the Tariff are reasonable.

4 ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. be granted:

- (1) Approval under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, to amend relevant sections of its Gas Transportation Tariff related to a general tariff clean-up to Service During Tests and Pooled Service During Curtailments as attached to the Application, Effective on May 1, 2006.

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