


MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 20th day of December 2007.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (TTFP) Resolution T2007-05 Open Season Bid Deposits	Application No. 1547276

1 BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2007, under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) received Application No. 1547276 (the Application) from NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) requesting approval of amendments to its Tariff related to Appendix A, Terms and Conditions Respecting Access to Transportation Service at Export Delivery Points.

A Notice of Application was issued via email, on November 30, 2007, to parties (on the NGTL 2005 GRA Phase I and Phase II distribution lists) and was posted on the EUB and NGTL websites. Statements of Intention to Participate (SIP) from interested parties were requested by December 7, 2007. The Board did not receive any objections to the Application.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

NGTL noted that the proposed tariff amendments would remove the requirement to provide a deposit for customers bidding for existing or new Firm Transportation – Delivery (FT-D) if those shippers already held transportation service on NGTL (other than customers receiving service under rate schedule IT-S or Rate Schedule FT-X). Further, this amendment would simplify the administration process for most shippers bidding for FT-D as a separate deposit would no longer be required, and NGTL would no longer be required to refund the deposit following the capacity allocation process. Customers who did not currently hold gas transportation service with NGTL would be required to provide a deposit. In addition, this revision was proposed for the tariffs of TransCanada's three wholly owned Canadian pipelines.

In the Application, NGTL submitted that on November 20, 2007, the Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (TTFP) supported the proposed amendment through an unopposed vote on Resolution T2007-05. NGTL attached to its Application, a copy of Resolution T2007-05, along with a black-lined copy of the relevant pages of the Tariff illustrating the proposed amendments, and a clean copy of the relevant sections of the Tariff incorporating the amendments.

NGTL requested the Board render a decision on the proposed amendments by December 21, 2007, to allow for implementation effective January 1, 2008.

3 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board notes that shippers party to the TTFP and potentially affected by the proposed modifications to NGTL's Tariff related to Appendix A, Terms and Conditions Respecting Access to Transportation Service at Export Delivery Points, specifically Open Season Bid Deposits, had opportunities to provide feedback to the TTFP, and that Resolution T2007-05 was passed through an unopposed vote. The Board also notes that no parties filed an objection to the Application.

The Board notes that amending the Open Season Bid Deposit requirements will streamline the process and, according to NGTL, will be responsive to Customer feedback. The Board considers that reducing the administrative burden to the Alberta System export services will result in a more efficient process for both NGTL and its Customers.

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

Accordingly, the Board finds approval of the Application to be in the public interest.

4 ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Appendix A, Terms and Conditions Respecting Access to Transportation Service at Export Delivery Points to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff, is amended by deleting the existing Appendix A and replacing it with the approved Appendix A, attached to this Order, effective January 1, 2008.

ATTACHMENT