

TRANSCANADA - ALBERTA SYSTEM Tolls, Tariff & Procedures Committee

RESOLUTION

Business Process Change - Flow Orders

Resolution T2000-01(b)

The Tolls, Tariff & Procedures Committee (TTP) agrees to institute Flow Orders on the TransCanada Alberta System to facilitate the administration of short-term operational outages. Flow Orders will allow TransCanada to override existing nominations for the duration of an outage. Flow Orders would be used in the following circumstances:

1. isolated single meter station work requiring a reduction of flow level for outages up to 8 hours in duration;
2. taking stations to nil for an outage of any duration; and
3. extend an outage for up to two nomination cycles.

The features of Flow Orders issued to connecting operators will include:

- defined start and end date and times;
- description of the event requiring a Flow Order; and
- description of the action required by the connecting operator.

Flow Orders will not replace any attributes of the Emergency Response Compensation process.

The anticipated in-service date of the Flow Order process is July 1, 2001.

Background

As part of the Business Process Change Task Force work, outage nominations have been evaluated to determine effective means to administer outage nominations. TransCanada proposed the concept of Flow Orders to assist customers and TransCanada in the efficient administration of small, short term operational outages.

After discussion with the task force, it was agreed to allow Flow Orders for the situations noted in the resolution above. The task force concluded that Flow Orders should not be allowed for operational outages in the following circumstances, but the regular outage administration procedures should apply:

1. Start of a scheduled outage affecting more than one station where flows will be restricted, but not nilled (outages at more than one station where shippers have a percentage allowable);
2. Outages expected to last longer than 8 hours where stations have not been nilled, but have a percentage Firm Service allowable;

3. Outages requiring a change to customer allowables (either increases or decreases) at greater than one station; and
4. Returning flows when an outage is completed early.

Next Steps

TransCanada will have a procedural description of the Flow Order process drafted and available to all industry parties.

TransCanada will provide detailed information and general presentations on the Flow Order process to industry operations personnel as part of TransCanada's 'Road Show' planned for the Spring of 2001.