

# TRANSCANADA - ALBERTA SYSTEM Tolls, Tariff & Procedures Committee

#### RESOLUTION

## **Business Process Change - Industry Reporting Calendar**

#### Resolution T2000-01(c)

The Tolls, Tariff & Procedures Committee (TTP) agrees to implement a new industry calendar for the distribution of month end receipt station measurement, the reporting of month end allocations by Common Stream Operators (CSO's), the distribution of Alberta System gas balances and the distribution of the Alberta System invoices. The new industry calendar will allow for TransCanada to bill for a month's demand and commodity charges on the same invoice.

The new industry calendar is based on:

- 1. Providing the Alberta System invoice two and half working days prior to the industry pay date;
- 2. Providing TransCanada two working days to prepare the Alberta System invoices after monthly gas balances are finalized;
- 3. Providing TransCanada two working days to prepare and distribute monthly gas balances after the receipt of month end allocations from CSO's; and
- 4. Continue to provide CSO's an adequate time frame to complete and report month end receipt allocations.

The new calendar will be implemented for January 2003, conditional on TransCanada having the required Information Systems available.

In future years, TransCanada will work with industry representatives, as it has in the past, to finalize the annual reporting calendar using the guidelines approved in this resolution.

### **Background**

As part of the Business Process Change Task Force work, the industry reporting calendar was evaluated to discern if the calendar could be modified to align TransCanada's monthly commodity and demand billing to the same invoicing period. Currently, the demand is billed in one month and the commodity is billed the following month. Industry representatives on the task force indicated that alignment of the billing process would simplify industry accounting and billing processes. TransCanada is currently in the development phase of the next generation of Information Systems that will facilitate and expedite the current gas balance and invoicing processes allow for the alignment of the demand and commodity billing. The current gas balance and invoicing processes require eight working days to complete. The new Information Systems

will allow TransCanada to complete the gas balance and invoicing processes in four working days. TransCanada cannot accommodate the new calendar without implementing new Information Systems. TransCanada intends to have the new Information Systems technology in place for January 2003.

The new industry calendar will result in thirteen months of commodity charges being billed in the initial twelve month implementation period.

## **Next Steps**

TransCanada will circulate the new calendar to industry to facilitate efficient implementation for January 2003. TransCanada will continue the required Information Systems development.