

THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT****ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD**

IN THE MATTER of tariff
amendments for NOVA Gas
Transmission Ltd. related to contract
versioning.

ORDER U2002-265**Application No. 1273190****File No. 5631-9****1 BACKGROUND**

By letter dated June 27, 2002, NOVA Gas Transmission LTD (NGTL) filed an application (the Application) with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) for approval of amendments to its Tariff to implement versioning in the administration of its gas transportation contracts.

The Board served notice of the Application on interested parties on July 18, 2002. Interested parties were requested to file any objections to the Application by July 26, 2002. It was noted that the Board might continue to process the Application without further notice if no objections were received on or before July 26, 2002.

No objections were received to the notice; therefore, the Board will proceed to process this Application.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

NGTL requested approval to amend its Tariff to implement versioning in the administration of its gas transportation contracts. Contract versioning allows for a contract to be amended versus replaced when the original contract is modified due to renewals, reversions of temporary assignments, and decreases resulting from transfers and assignments. NGTL stated that the requested changes in the Tariff are required to allow for the introduction of contract versioning with the new Dovetail contract administration system. NGTL noted that the new process would align contracting practises between the Alberta System and the TransCanada Mainline resulting in efficiencies and reduced costs for NGTL customers.

TransCanada introduced the concept of contract versioning to the Tolls, Tariff & Procedures Committee (TTP) in November 2001. The required tariff changes were reviewed with the TTP as Resolution T2000-07(a) and was unopposed at its June 11, 2002 meeting. The Board accepted Resolution T2000-07(a) as a filing for information on July 18, 2002.

NGTL noted that the effective date of the proposed changes would be expected during the third quarter of 2002. The required information systems were in development and therefore were unable to provide a definitive effective date. NGTL stated that TransCanada would provide a minimum two-week notice period to the Board and customers of the effective date of the Tariff amendments.

3 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board notes that the Tariff changes were reviewed by the TTP and were filed unopposed with the Board as Resolution T2000-07(a). Further, the Board notes that no objections to the Application were filed with the Board. The Board is satisfied, based on its review of the Application and the TTP Resolution, that the implementation of contract versioning and the consequent proposed changes to the Tariff will not be detrimental to the interests of NGTL's customers and will align business practises between the Alberta System and the TransCanada Mainline.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that:

- (1) Authorization is given to NGTL to amend its Tariff to implement contract versioning in the administration of its gas transportation contracts as set out in its Application.

DATED in Calgary, Alberta on August 2, 2002.

<Original signed by Mr. R.D. Heggie>

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD