

# SYSTEM UTILIZATION AND RELIABILITY MONTHLY REPORT

for the month ending  
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## Highlights This Month:

- Starting with the 2009/10 Gas Year, the average actual flow for the dominant flow condition in each of the Alberta design areas will be compared against the corresponding design capability to obtain a measure of pipeline utilization. Consequently, design capability utilization will be measured as Average Actual Flow / Seasonal Design Capability.
- FT Receipt Availability over a 3 month average from November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010 was deemed to be 100% available in all pipe segments except UPRM which was deemed to be 97% available.
- Border Availability at Empress/McNeill, Gordondale and Alberta/BC, over a 3 month average from November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010, were all deemed 100% available.

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# FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE<sup>1</sup> CONTRACT UTILIZATION<sup>2</sup>

By NGTL Pipeline Segments

Segment	Receipt Contract	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Jan CD (mmcf/d)
UPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT	84%	90%	86%	84%	80%	84%	140
	FT + IT	87%	93%	90%	94%	89%	90%	
LPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT	94%	93%	90%	88%	86%	86%	18
	FT + IT	131%	116%	107%	106%	101%	107%	
PRLL <sup>4</sup>	FT	97%	96%	96%	93%	91%	91%	174
	FT + IT	117%	111%	110%	107%	103%	106%	
NWML <sup>4</sup>	FT	96%	88%	94%	93%	91%	95%	422
	FT + IT	103%	93%	100%	98%	94%	101%	
GRDL <sup>4</sup>	FT	89%	88%	90%	87%	92%	94%	245
	FT + IT	112%	107%	112%	116%	112%	121%	
WRSY <sup>4</sup>	FT	97%	96%	96%	94%	95%	97%	35
	FT + IT	139%	122%	121%	132%	123%	137%	
WAEX	FT	93%	79%	82%	92%	85%	94%	268
	FT + IT	138%	112%	121%	144%	117%	133%	
JUDY	FT	97%	97%	97%	96%	93%	94%	114
	FT + IT	147%	121%	120%	119%	111%	108%	
GPML	FT	92%	88%	87%	95%	88%	93%	2,099
	FT + IT	103%	96%	96%	106%	97%	104%	
CENT	FT	97%	95%	95%	94%	95%	92%	931
	FT + IT	119%	115%	114%	117%	112%	117%	
LPOL	FT	95%	95%	96%	96%	90%	84%	428
	FT + IT	117%	117%	119%	121%	112%	111%	
WGAT	FT	93%	90%	91%	93%	94%	96%	359
	FT + IT	121%	104%	119%	124%	127%	129%	
ALEG	FT	96%	95%	95%	95%	94%	96%	967
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	FT + IT	108%	96%	103%	113%	101%	102%	
LIEG	FT	78%	84%	83%	54%	47%	49%	89
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KIRB	FT	86%	84%	87%	83%	78%	80%	96
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COLD	FT	75%	81%	80%	79%	77%	78%	46
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NLAT	FT	91%	90%	91%	94%	92%	95%	236
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WAIN	FT	89%	86%	85%	83%	72%	84%	18
	FT + IT	121%	115%	116%	110%	100%	109%	
ELAT	FT	95%	92%	94%	95%	93%	93%	153
	FT + IT	139%	132%	134%	140%	128%	132%	
TOTAL SYSTEM	FT	94%	91%	92%	93%	90%	92%	8,286
	FT + IT	115%	108%	109%	115%	108%	112%	

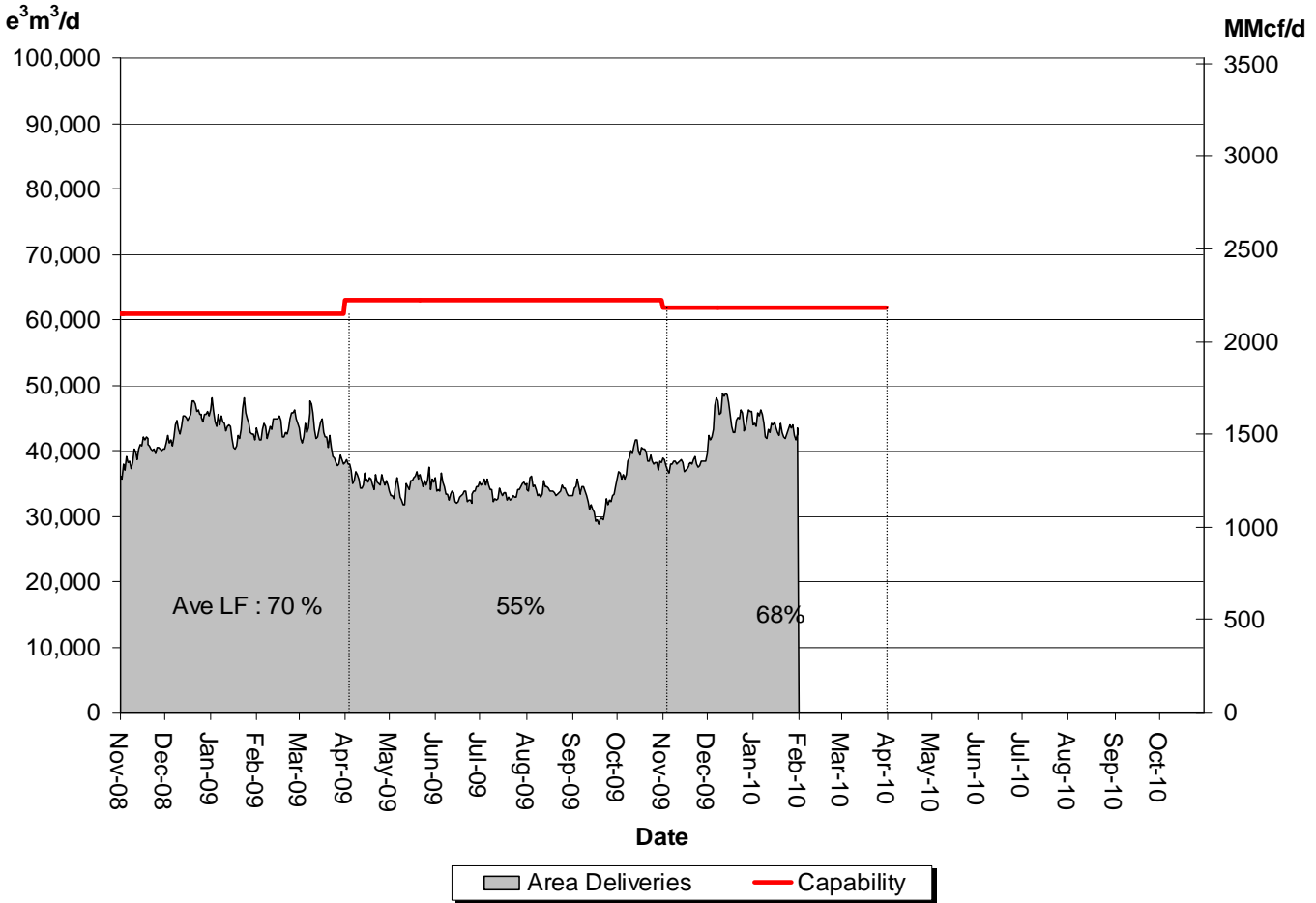
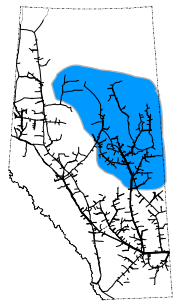
  

Segment	Delivery Contract	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Jan CD (GJ/d)
Empress	FT	94%	94%	96%	97%	96%	98%	3,734,029
	FT + IT	104%	106%	112%	107%	106%	113%	
McNeill	FT	97%	92%	82%	96%	100%	99%	1,717,393
	FT + IT	127%	108%	110%	121%	133%	126%	
ABC	FT	89%	92%	86%	94%	95%	88%	2,555,406
	FT + IT	96%	99%	86%	97%	97%	89%	

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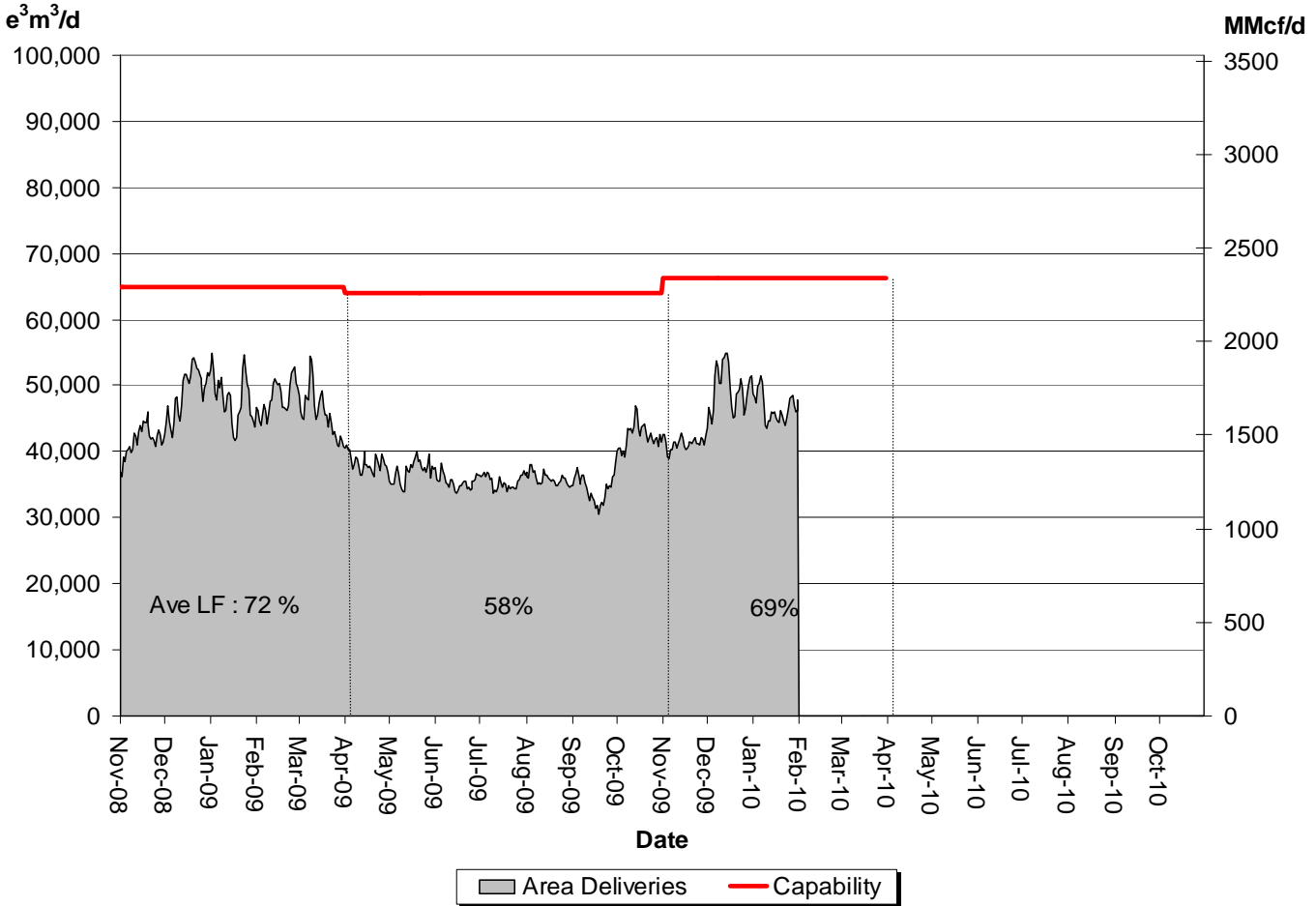
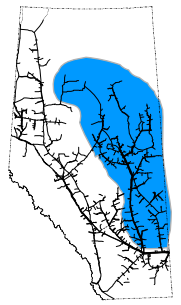
1. FT includes all receipt and export delivery Firm Transportation Services: FTR, LRS, FTD.
2. IT includes all receipt and border delivery Interruptible Services: ITR, FRO, ITD, FDO.
3. Utilization data is based on billed monthly volumes. Percent utilization calculated as FT and FT + IT billed Volumes divided by applicable receipt or delivery Contract level.

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION NORTH OF BENS LAKE – FLOW WITHIN



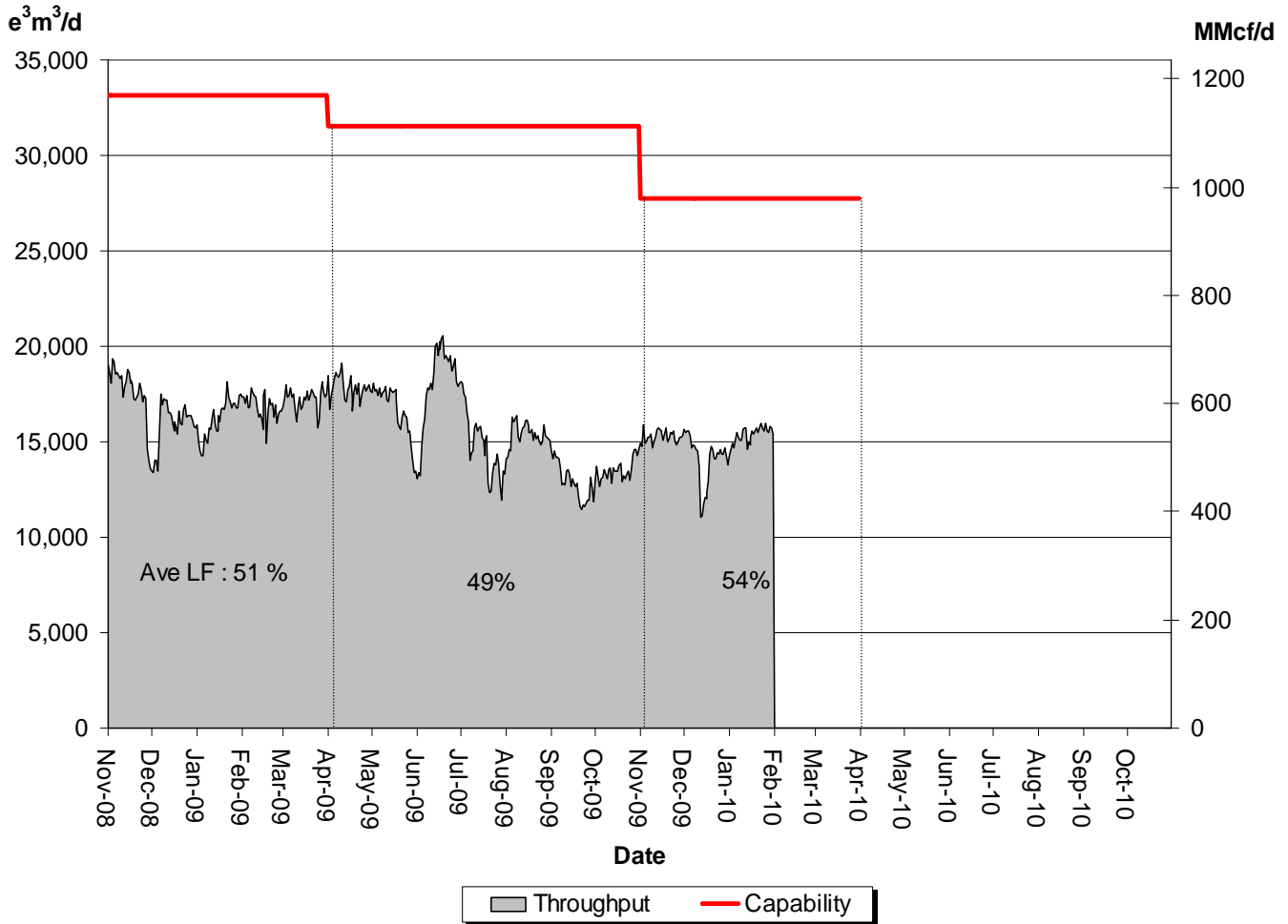
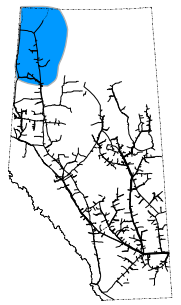
% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	54	51	61	61	73	70

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION NORTH & SOUTH OF BENS LAKE – FLOW WITHIN



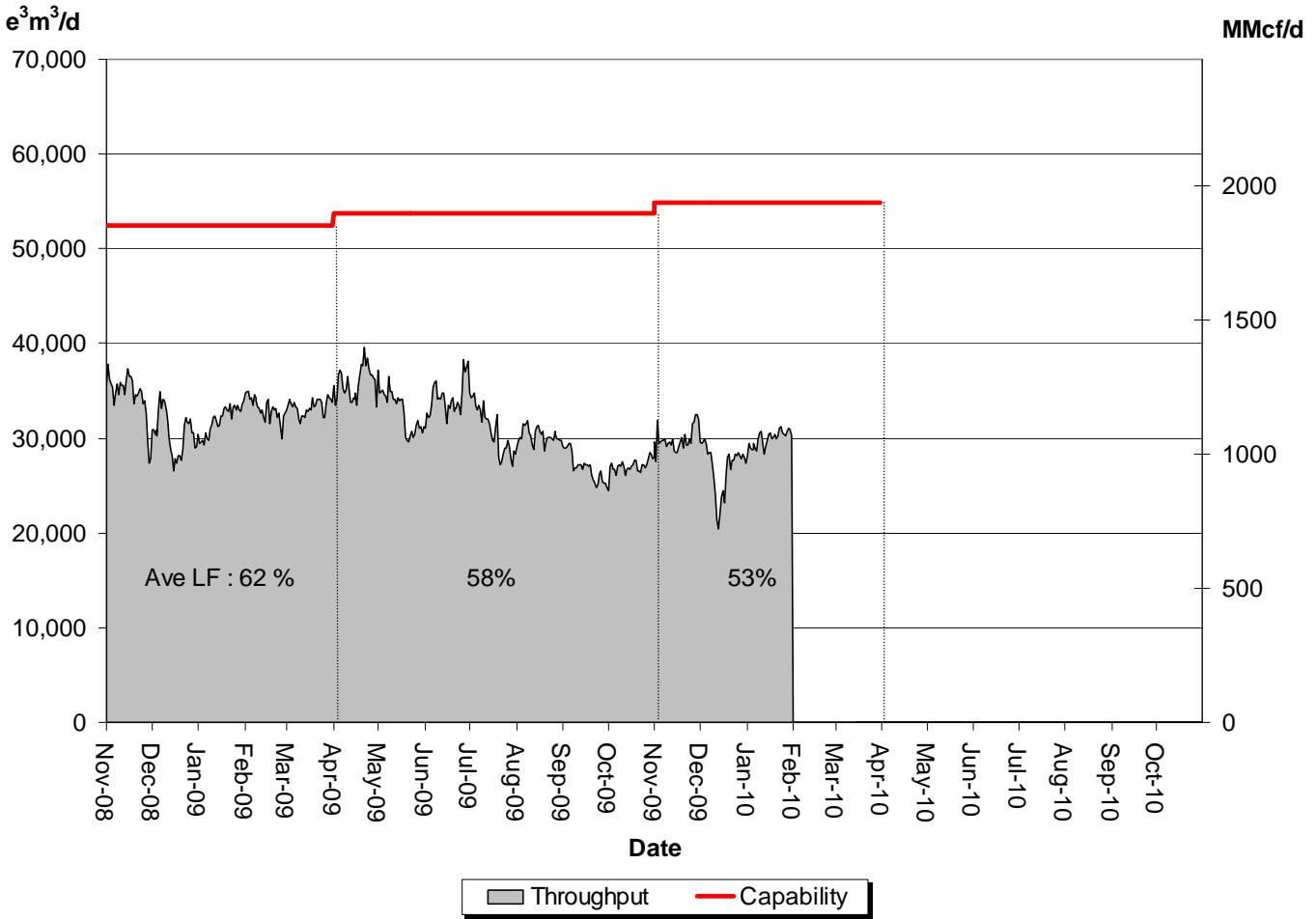
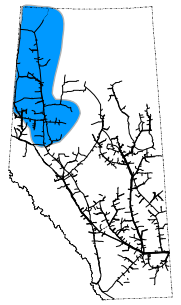
<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Monthly Average Actual Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	56	54	66	62	75	71

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER PEACE RIVER



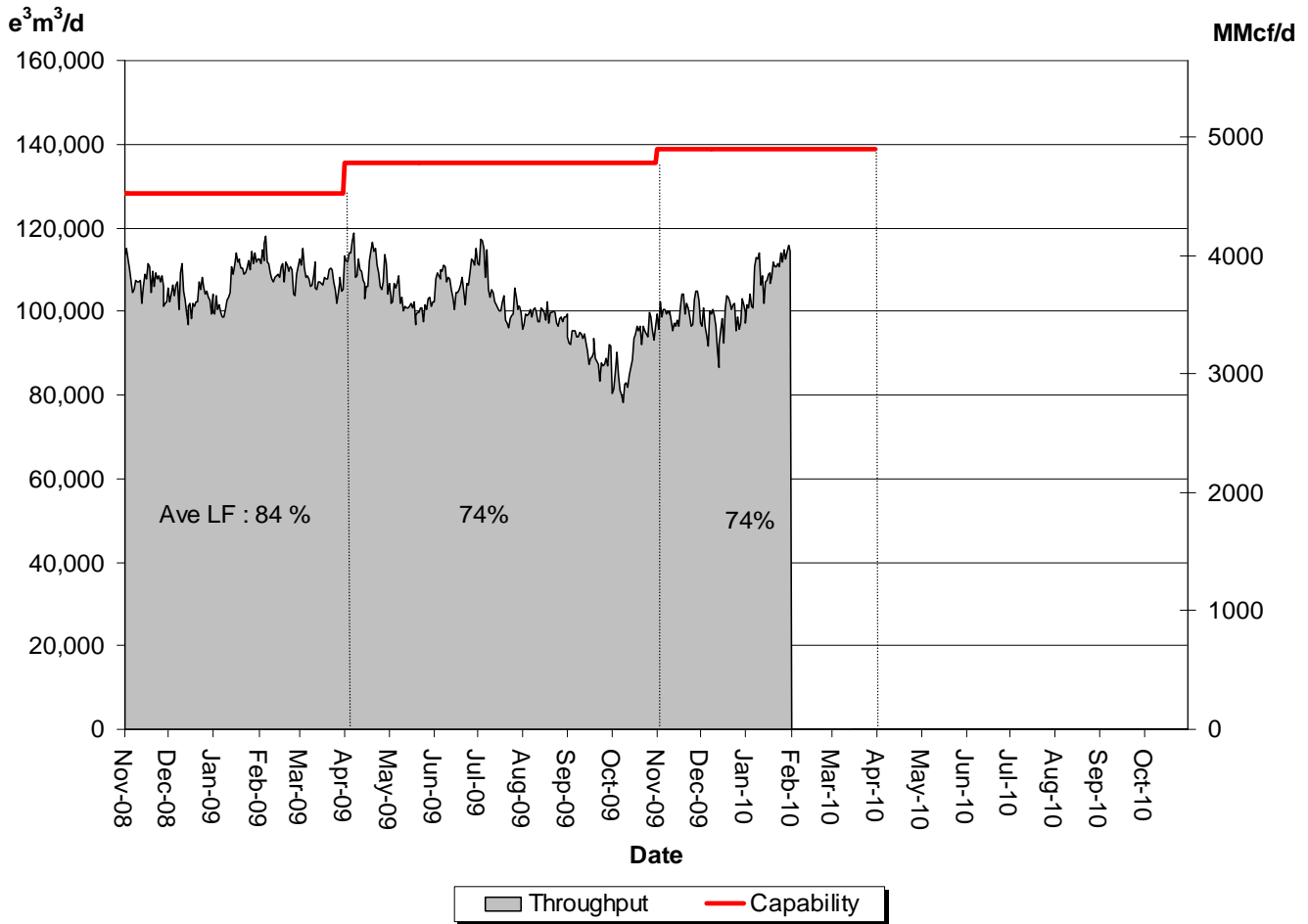
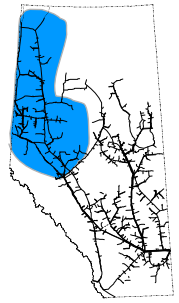
<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	49	41	43	55	51	55

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER and CENTRAL PEACE RIVER



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Average Flow/ Design Capacity	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	57	52	49	54	49	54

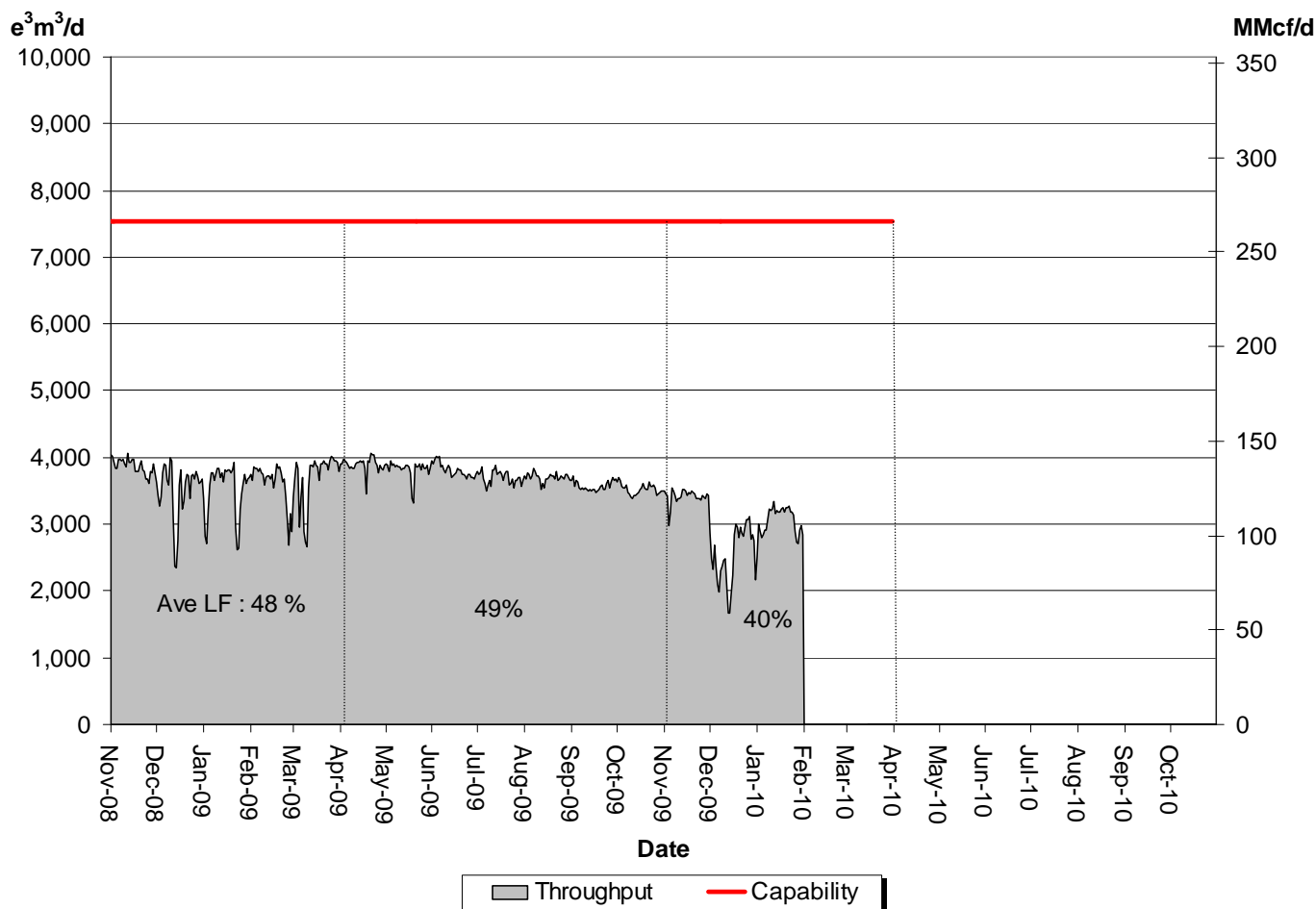
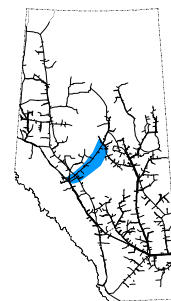
# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION PEACE RIVER DESIGN (Upper, Central and Lower Peace River)



<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	73	67	65	72	70	78



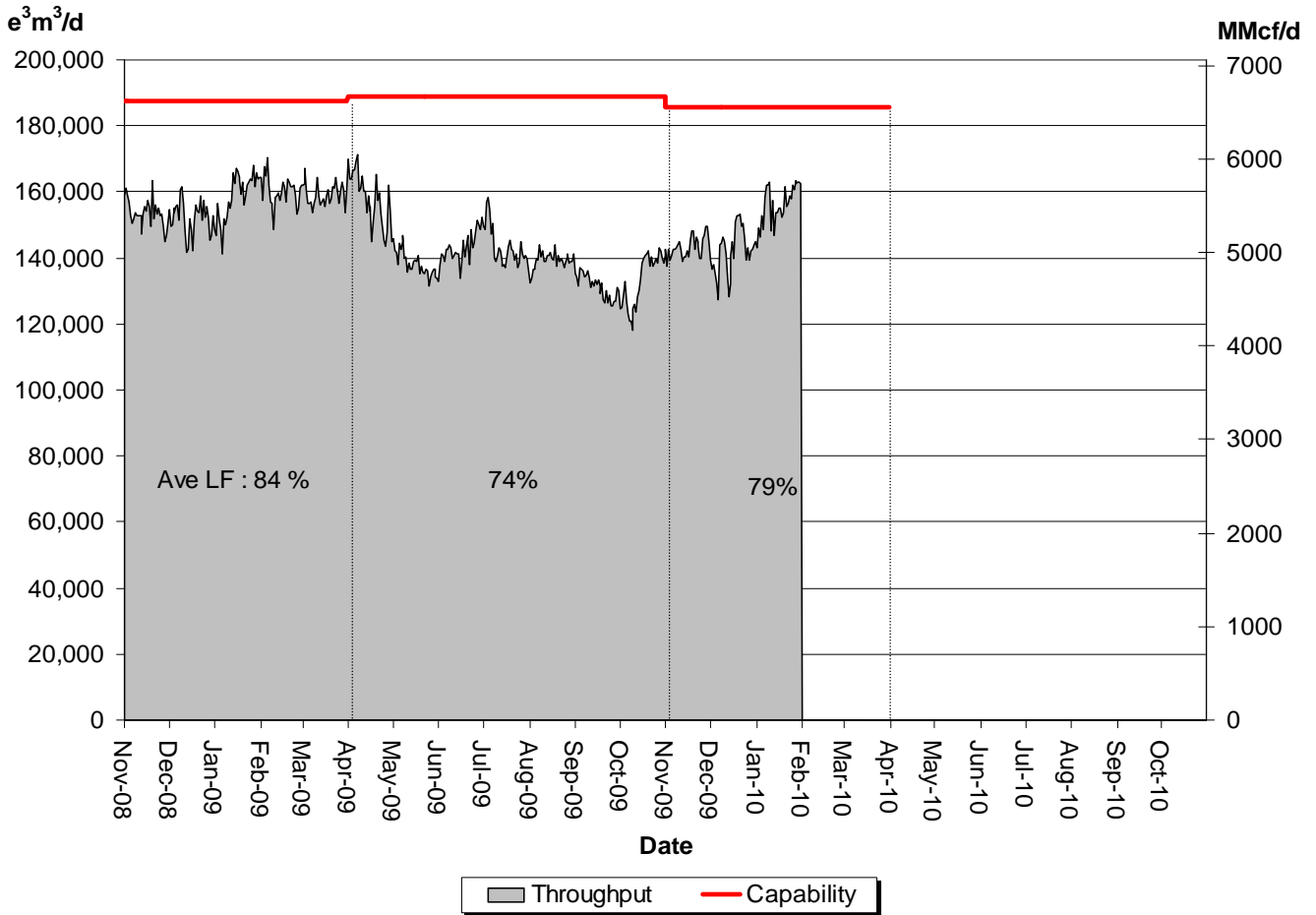
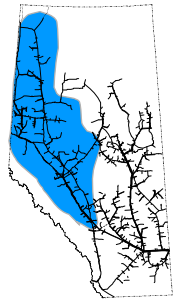
# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MARTEN HILLS



<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	49	47	47	45	34	40

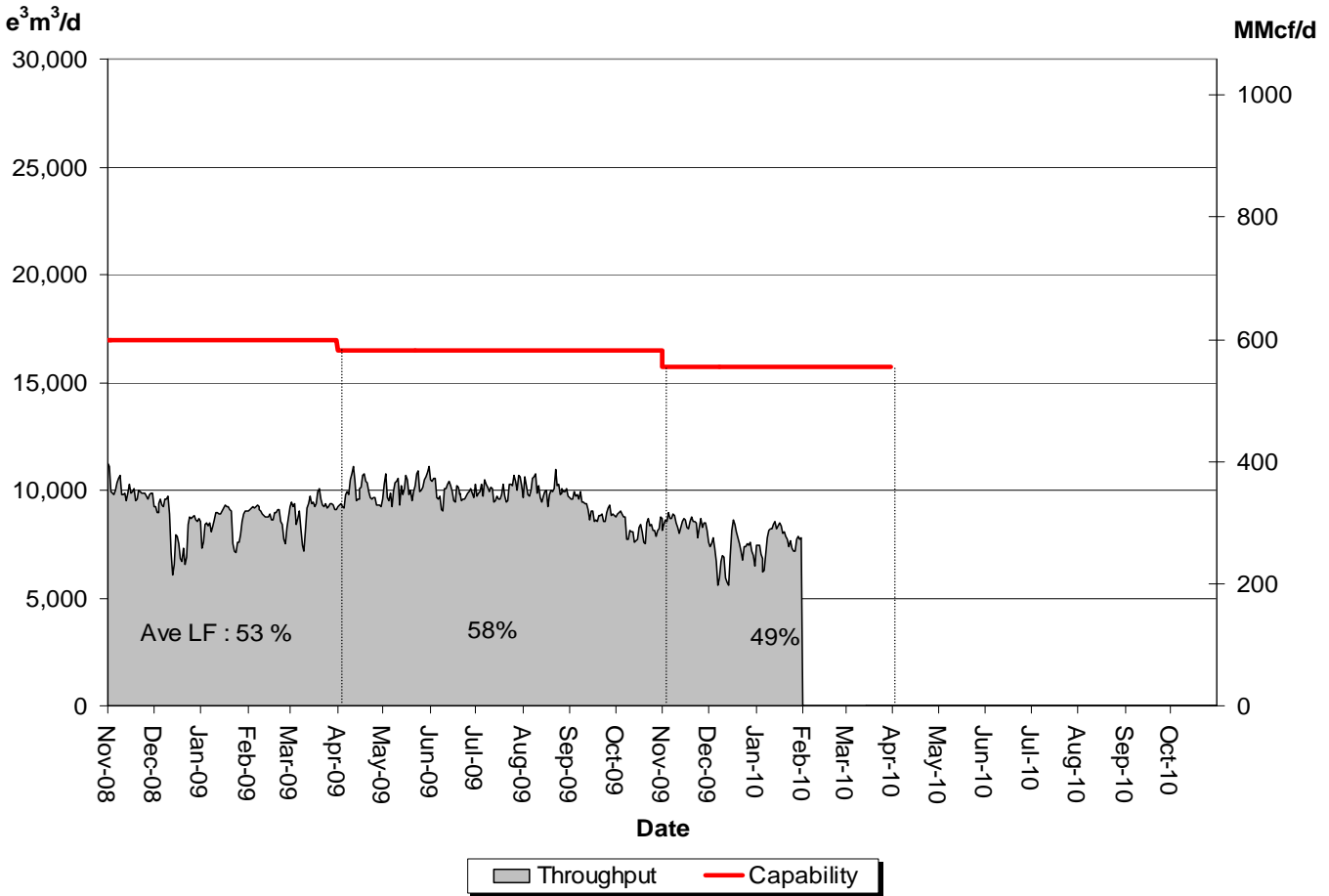
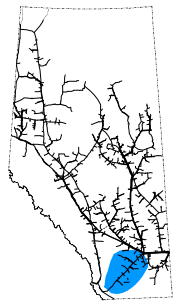
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(Edson Mainline, Peace River Design and Marten Hills)



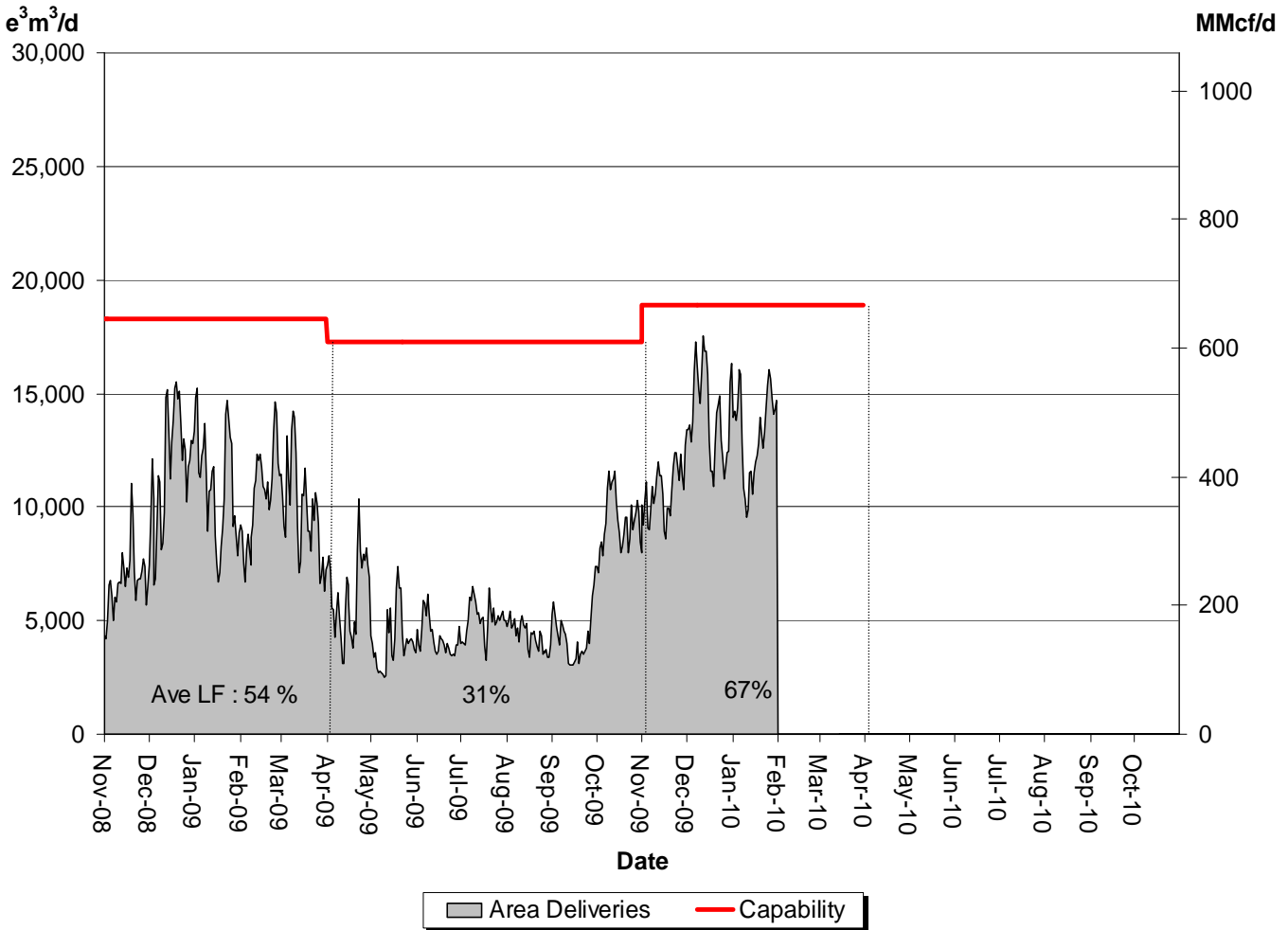
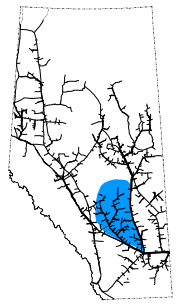
% Design Capability Utilization						
Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	74	69	70	77	76	84

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION SOUTH and ALDERSON



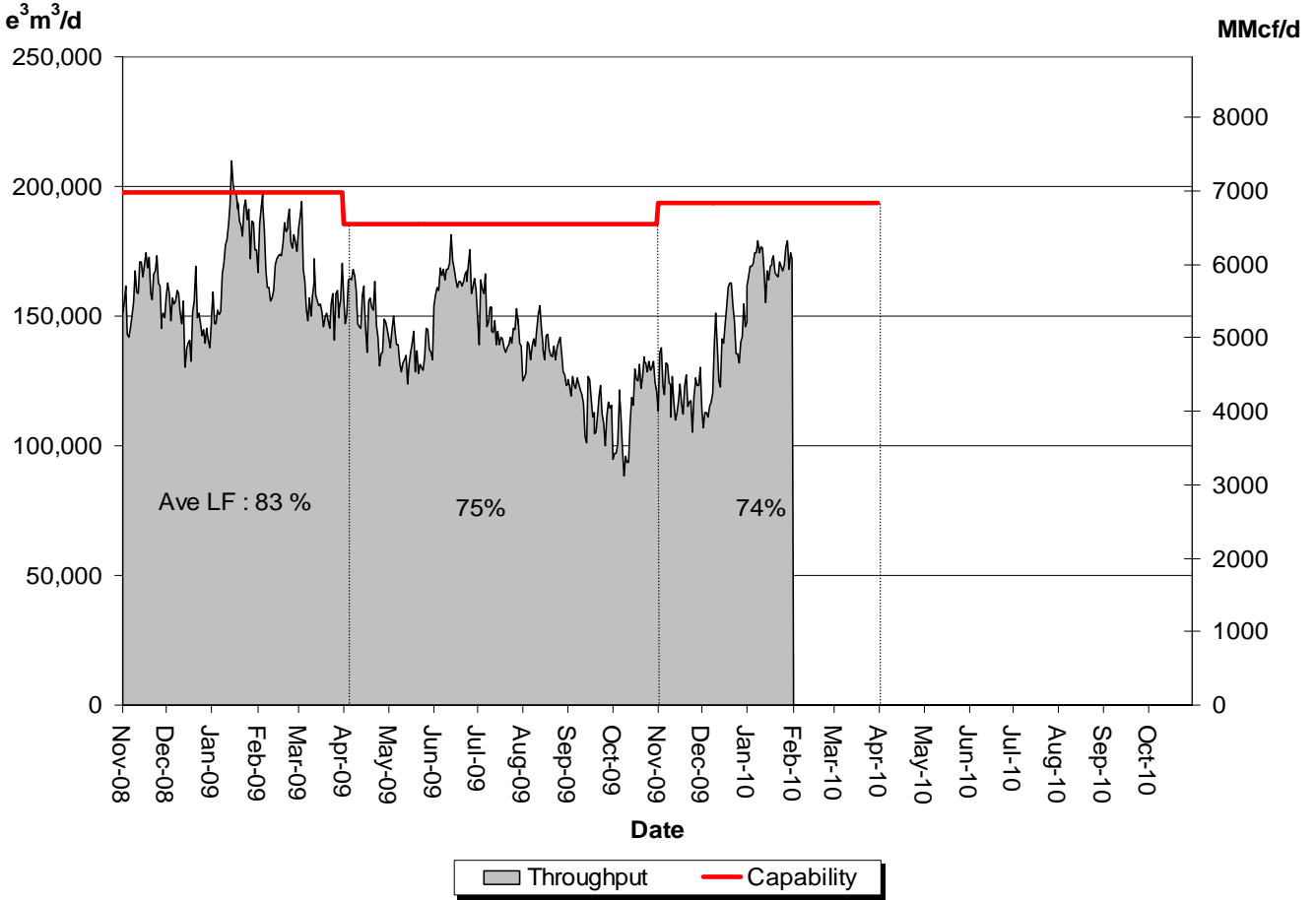
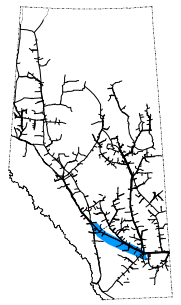
% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	61	55	50	54	45	49

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION RIMBEY-NEVIS – FLOW WITHIN



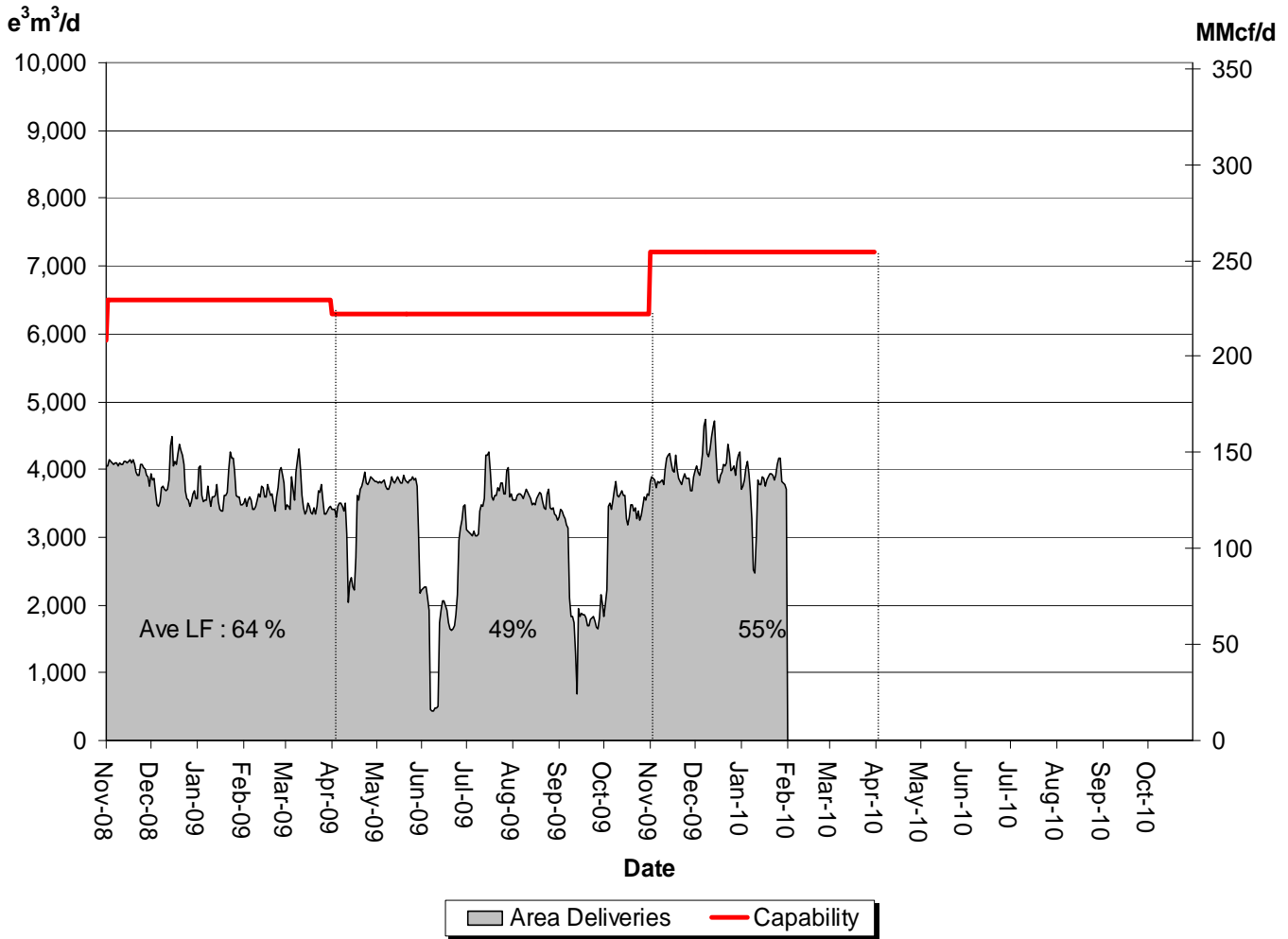
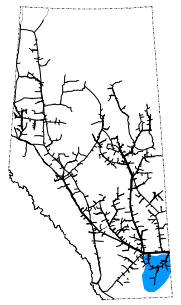
<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	25	25	54	57	75	70

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE (James River to Princess)



% Design Capability Utilization						
Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	74	63	63	63	70	88

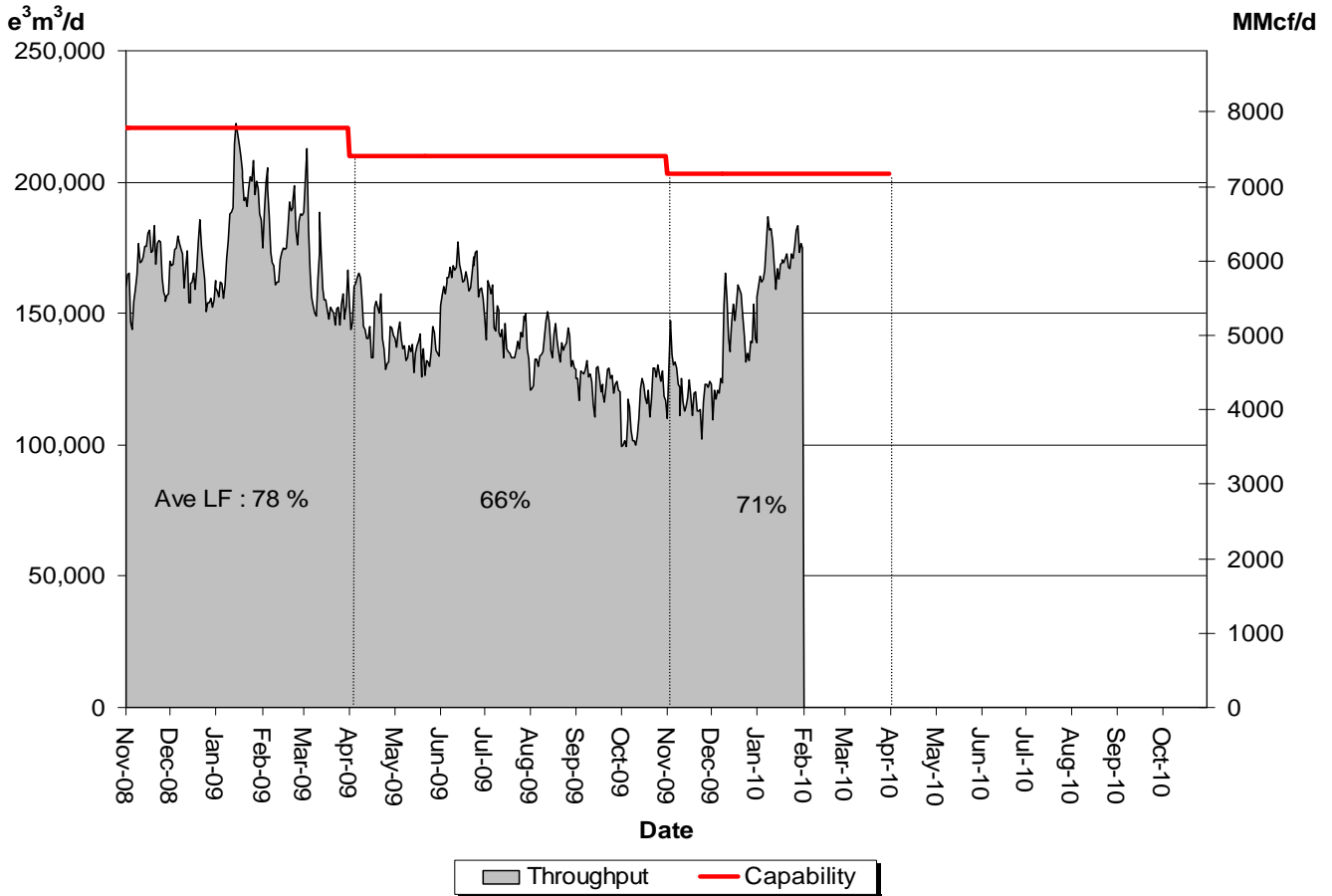
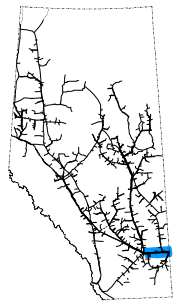
# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MEDICINE HAT – FLOW WITHIN



<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b> Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/ Design Capability	Aug 56	Sep 34	Oct 53	Nov 54	Dec 58	Jan 52

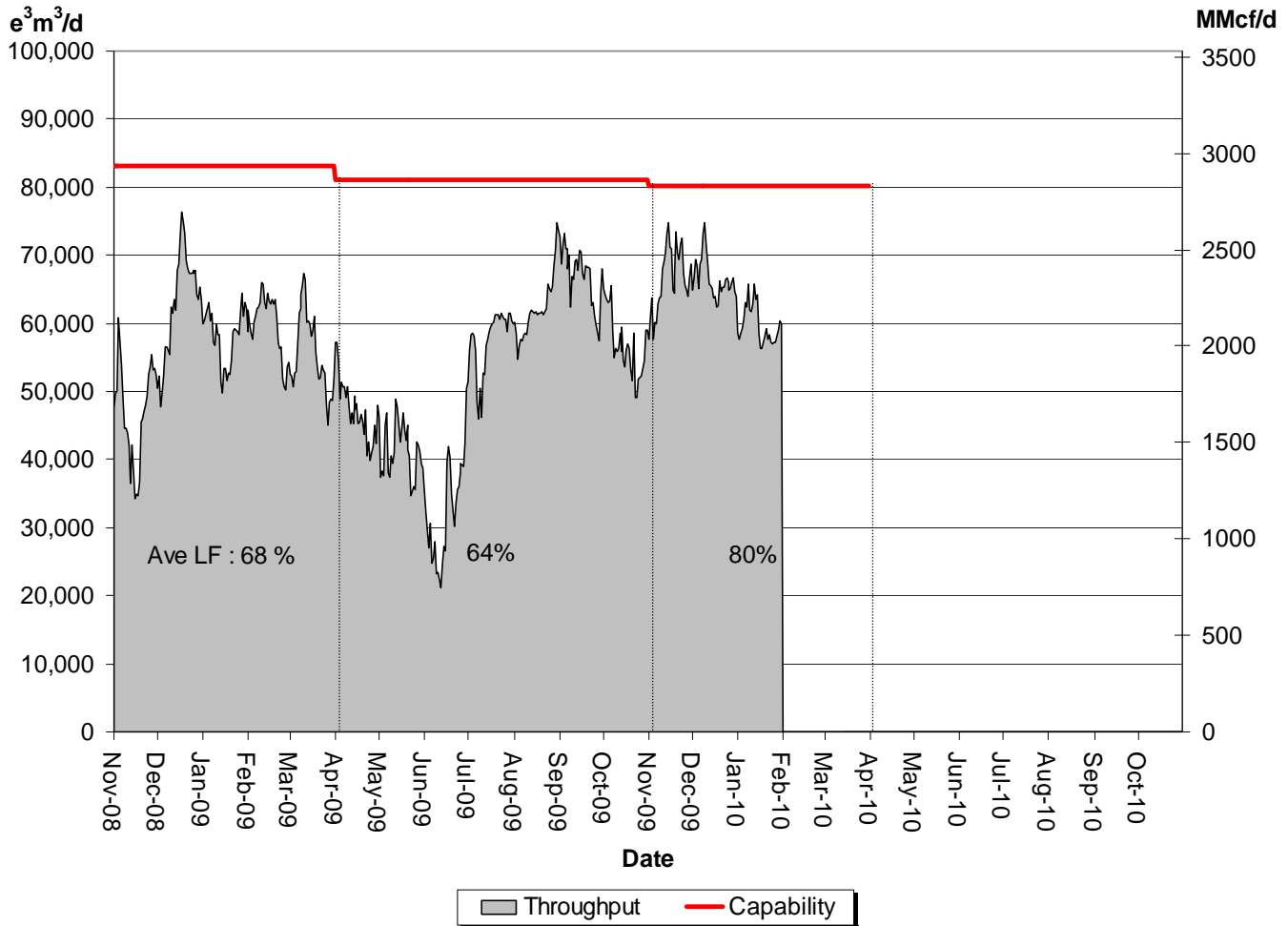
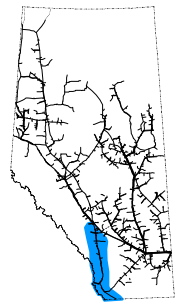
# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(Princess to Empress / McNeill)



<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b>						
Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Average Flow / Design Capability	65	59	55	59	69	84

# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION WESTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE (Alberta/B.C. and Alberta/Montana Borders)



<b>% Design Capability Utilization</b> Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Average Flow / Design Capability	77	83	70	83	83	74



# HISTORICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY

November 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010 (3 Month Average)

Receipt Area	Segment	IT-R Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	% CD		Causes/Comments <sup>(3)</sup>
		Available	Available	Restriction	Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>		
		(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Peace River	UPRM 1	0	97	3	11	4	NPS 20 Peace River Mainline Incident, Inspection and Repair
	PRLL 2	100	100	0	0	0	
	NWML 3	100	100	0	0	0	
	GRDL 4	100	100	0	0	0	
	WAEX 5	100	100	0	0	0	
	JUDY24	100	100	0	0	0	
	WRSY 26	100	100	0	0	0	
	LPRM 27	100	100	0	0	0	
	GPML 7	100	100	0	0	0	
Central	CENT 8	100	100	0	0	0	
	LPOL 9	100	100	0	0	0	
North & East Upstream of Bens Lake	LIEG 10	100	100	0	0	0	
	KIRB 11	100	100	0	0	0	
	MRTN 6	100	100	0	0	0	
	SMHI 12	100	100	0	0	0	
	REDL 13	100	100	0	0	0	
	COLD 14	100	100	0	0	0	
Downstream of Bens Lake	NLAT 15	100	100	0	0	0	
	ELAT 16	100	100	0	0	0	
	WAIN 23	100	100	0	0	0	
Rimbey/Nevis	ALEG 17	100	100	0	0	0	
Eastern Mainline	BLEG 18	100	100	0	0	0	
	EGAT 19	100	100	0	0	0	
	MLAT 20	100	100	0	0	0	
	SLAT 22	100	100	0	0	0	
Western Mainline	WGAT 21	100	100	0	0	0	

Borders	Available <sup>(2)</sup> (% of time)	IT-D Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	% CD Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>		Causes/Comments <sup>(3)</sup>
		Available <sup>(2)</sup>	Available	Restriction			
		(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Empress/McNeill		100	100	0	0	0	
Alberta-BC		100	100	0	0	0	
Gordondale		100	100	0	0	0	

# FUTURE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY (MAINLINE RESTRICTIONS)

## Export Firm Transportation Guidelines

Firm Transportation Service Type	Authorize Firm Transportation Service By	To Ensure Firm Transportation Service By
Export Delivery	November 2010	November 2012

## Estimated Firm Transportation Service Availability

Please refer to the following web site for  
**current FT-R Availability Map:**

[http://www.transcanada.com/customerexpress/docs/ab\\_ftr\\_availability\\_map/external\\_map.pdf](http://www.transcanada.com/customerexpress/docs/ab_ftr_availability_map/external_map.pdf)

## Receipt Firm Transportation Guidelines

Firm Transportation Service Type	Authorize Firm Transportation Service By	To Ensure Firm Transportation Service By
Receipt - Summer construction (generally south of Edmonton)	November 2010	November 2012
Receipt - Winter construction (generally north of Edmonton)	November 2010	April 2013

- If your needs for firm transportation service arise after the above dates to “Authorize Firm Transportation Service By”, NGTL will evaluate your new receipt firm transportation service or firm service transfer requests on a date-stamped basis.

*Please consult with your Customer Sales Representative to discuss your Firm Transportation Service needs.*

# HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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## Overview

This report contains recent historical information on the level of utilization of firm transportation Service Agreements on the NGTL system, relative usage of interruptible service, level of utilization of design pipeline capacity, and the availability of transportation services as an indication of system reliability.

Data is reported either by *Pipeline Segment* (26 on the system) or *Design Area* (13 on the system). Maps of both are included in the reference section.

## Firm Transportation Service Contract Utilization

The Firm Transportation Service Contract Utilization report shows the percent utilization for each of the 26NGTL pipeline segments and 3 major export delivery points comprising the total system. The utilization data is based on billed monthly volumes. Percent utilization is calculated as firm transportation service and firm transportation service + interruptible service divided by applicable receipt or delivery contract level. Historical Data involving billed volumes lags the current date by approximately two months.

## Design Capability Utilization

The load factor/segment flow graphs show actual flow versus design capability values for various NGTL system areas. The graphs also show seasonal (winter/summer) design capability and average load factors for each season. Data used in these reports lags the current date by one month.

Design Flow Capability utilization is a function of several factors that include:

- Total market demand for Alberta natural gas.
- Seasonal changes in market demand for Alberta natural gas.
- Receipt nominating practices of customers individually and in aggregate to meet that level of demand.
- Effect of scheduled maintenance on actual flow requirement in a design area at any given time.
- Design assumptions used in determining required segment flow requirement.

# HOW TO USE THIS REPORT - continued

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## **Historical Transportation Service Availability**

Transportation Service Availability is a system utilization measure that identifies the degree to which firm and interruptible transportation services are available on the NGTL system. It includes the historical frequency of service restriction experienced by the gas transmission network by service type and by pipeline segment.

The data shows the percentage of a given time period that a service type was available for a given section of the system. Service availability less than 100 percent means that some level of transportation service has been restricted for a portion of the time period.

Priority of transportation service on the NGTL system is firm transportation service, and then interruptible (IT). If transportation is restricted within a segment, all service within that segment of a lower priority will be affected.

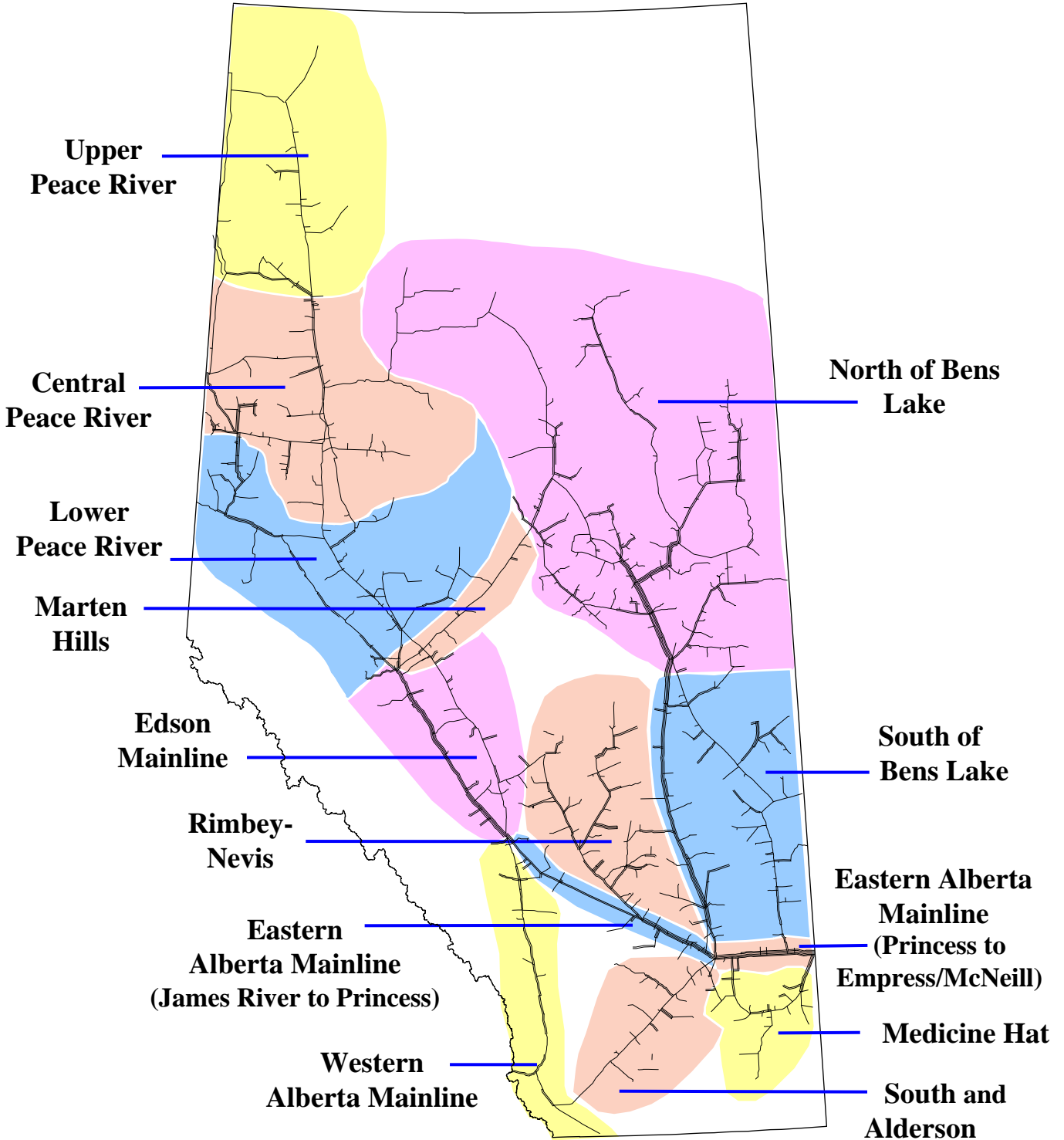
Service availability is affected by a number of factors including scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, construction or other outages.

As a monthly feature the Historical Transportation Service Availability is shown as a three-month rolling average of transportation availability.

## **Future Firm Transportation Service Availability**

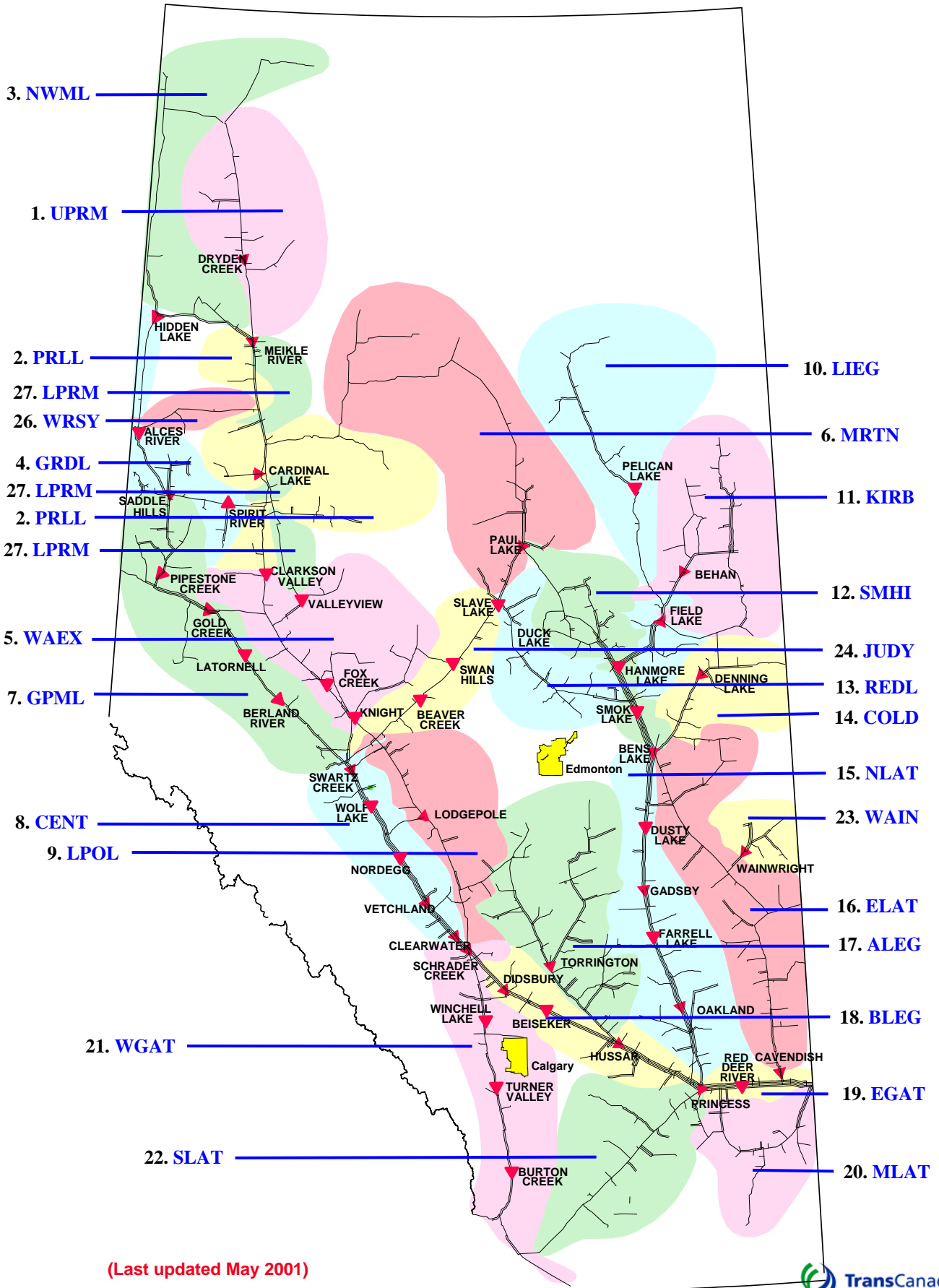
The Future Firm Transportation Service Availability report presents guidelines and timing for all future firm transportation service requests.

# NGTL DESIGN AREAS



(Last updated January 2007)

# NGTL PIPELINE SEGMENTS



(Last updated May 2001)

# DEFINITION OF TERMS

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## *Design Capability Utilization*

### ***Actual Flow***

The amount of gas flowing within or out of our design area.

### ***Design Capability***

The volume of gas that can be transported at various points on the pipeline system considering design assumptions.

### ***AVGLF (Average Load Factor)***

The ratio between average *Actual Flow* and *Design Capability*. It is calculated for every design season (summer/winter) as shown on the graphs.

### ***Intra-Alberta Deliveries***

The amount of sales gas flowing off the system within an area.

### ***Receipt Flow***

Aggregate of actual receipts within an area and the *Actual Flow* of the upstream area.

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## *Historical Transportation Service Availability*

### ***Average % CD Restricted***

The average percentage of the entire segment receipt contract demand restricted during periods of restriction.

### ***Firm Service Available***

The percentage of time that all requested firm transportation service requests were transported within a segment.

### ***Firm Service Restriction***

Percentage of time firm service is restricted.

### ***IT-2 Service Available***

The percentage of time that IT-2 service requests were transported.

### ***Max % CD Restricted***

The maximum percentage to which the entire segment contract demand was restricted.

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## ***Other***

### ***System Load Factor***

The volume weighted average of the *Average Load Factor (AVGLF)* of all design areas on the system