# SYSTEM UTILIZATION AND RELIABILITY MONTHLY REPORT

for the month ending October, 2010

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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 August 1, 2010 October 31, 2010 was deemed to be 100% available in all pipe segments.
- Border Availability at Empress/McNeill, Gordondale and Alberta/BC, over a 3 month average from August 1, 2010 October 31, 2010, were all deemed 100% available.

**NOVA** Gas Transmission Ltd.



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### FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE¹ CONTRACT UTILIZATION²

By NGTL Pipeline Segments

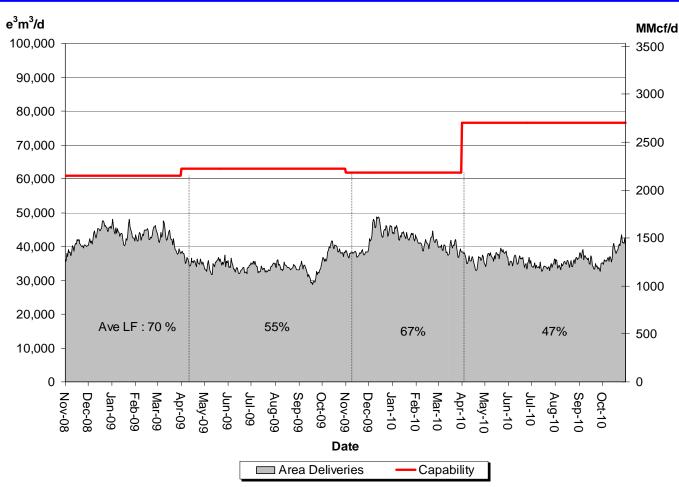
Segment	Receipt Contract	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Oct CD (mmcf/d)
UPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT FT + IT	94%	93%	89%	92%	90%	89%	139
LPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT + IT FT	100% 93%	98% 93%	95% 89%	95% 87%	94% 93%	92% 100%	13
FRIVI	FT + IT	93% 127%	93% 118%	89% 119%	87% 110%	93% 124%	100% 142%	1.
PRLL 4	FT	94%	94%	98%	97%	97%	97%	154
	FT + IT	118%	117%	121%	116%	110%	112%	
NWML 4	FT	96%	96%	96%	96%	93%	83%	398
-	FT + IT	104%	103%	103%	103%	98%	88%	
GRDL <sup>4</sup>	FT FT + IT	76% 108%	81%	87% 114%	86% 113%	93% 122%	89% 118%	342
WRSY 4	FT + IT	108%	116% 95%	114%	113%	122%	118%	3.
WRSY	FT FT + IT	95% 150%	95% 148%	95% 138%	92% 129%	92% 128%	93% 136%	31
WAEX	FT + 11 FT	93%	95%	138% 94%	129% 91%	128% 96%	93%	269
WAEA	FT + IT	93% 169%	95% 184%	94% 147%	91% 144%	143%	142%	-
JUDY	FT	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	98%	92
	FT + IT	130%	129%	128%	122%	117%	118%	
GPML	FT	97%	96%	95%	95%	94%	95%	2,268
	FT + IT	115%	109%	108%	110%	107%	107%	20
CENT	FT FT + IT	97% 122%	91% 111%	98% 126%	96% 122%	90% 112%	94% 116%	929
	FT + IT	122%	111%	126%	122%	112%	116%	30
LPOL	FT FT + IT	99% 126%	98% 126%	98% 124%	98% 124%	97% 125%	97% 125%	393
WGAT	FT + IT FT	126% 91%	126% 81%	124% 89%	124% 89%	125% 89%	125% 92%	355
WGA1	FT FT + IT	91% 118%	81% 98%	89% 122%	89% 123%	89% 109%	92% 120%	
ALEG	FT + 11 FT	118% 96%	98% 96%	96%	97%	109% 96%	120% 97%	925
ALEG	FT + IT	124%	122%	123%	122%	122%	122%	
SLAT	FT	97%	96%	96%	96%	96%	98%	245
	FT + IT	127%	128%	146%	141%	120%	123%	
MLAT	FT	95%	97%	94%	96%	98%	98%	244
	FT + IT	111%	110%	112%	113%	112%	112%	
BLEG	FT	97%	97%	96%	97%	98%	96%	581
	FT + IT	111%	113%	119%	115%	111%	110%	
EGAT	FT . IT	94%	94%	95% 1219/	96% 1189/	96% 125%	96%	46
	FT + IT	114%	116%	121%	118%	125%	119%	12
MRTN	FT FT + IT	87% 105%	86% 103%	87% 103%	86% 101%	81% 97%	80% 95%	135
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LIEG	FT FT + IT	71% 104%	71% 102%	70% 102%	82% 113%	77% 116%	82% 110%	73
KIRB	FT + 11 FT	104% 83%	102% 81%	102% 81%	90%	116% 79%	77%	90
KIKD	FT + IT	83% 107%	81% 108%	81% 107%	90% 106%	107%	98%	-
SMHI	FT	90%	90%	90%	90%	83%	86%	50
J.,	FT + IT	155%	151%	143%	142%	148%	160%	
REDL	FT	90%	90%	89%	86%	89%	89%	70
	FT + IT	155%	148%	147%	130%	128%	127%	
COLD	FT	86%	90%	84%	81%	79%	78%	48
	FT + IT	119%	114%	111%	109%	103%	103%	21
NLAT	FT FT + IT	96% 128%	94% 122%	95% 124%	96% 125%	96% 125%	97% 126%	21
	FT + IT FT	128% 94%	122% 95%	124% 96%	125% 93%	125% 91%	126% 87%	1
WAIN	FT FT + IT	94% 135%	95% 125%	96% 129%	93% 122%	91% 136%	87% 118%	10
ELAT	FT + IT FT	135% 95%	125% 96%	129% 95%	95%	136% 95%	118% 94%	130
ELAI	FT + IT	95% 143%	96% 145%	95% 144%	95% 146%	95% 143%	94% 138%	
TOTAL SYSTEM	FT	95%	94%	95%	94%	94%	94%	8,25
	FT + IT	119%	116%	118%	118%	114%	114%	
Segment	Delivery	10	10	7 1 10	10	- 10	2 + 10	Oct CD
_	Contract FT	May-10 87%	Jun-10 83%	Jul-10 88%	Aug-10	Sep-10 84%	Oct-10	(GJ/d)
Empress	FT FT + IT	87% 97%	83% 99%	88% 98%	86% 94%	84% 94%	86% 97%	2,910,179
McNeill	FT + IT FT	97% 100%	99% 99%	98% 100%	94% 99%	94% 99%	97% 100%	1,531,81
McNem	FT + IT	100% 140%	99% 134%	100% 134%	99% 144%	99% 142%	100% 137%	1,501,01
ABC	FT + 11	140% 77%	74%	90%	90%	84%	84%	2,355,57
ABC	FT + IT	77%	74% 76%	90% 93%	90% 93%	84% 86%	84% 85%	4,000,
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"TOTAL								
*NOTE: 1. FT includes all receip	pt and export delivery Fi	Transnortation	Campione: FTR.	TDC ETD.				

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



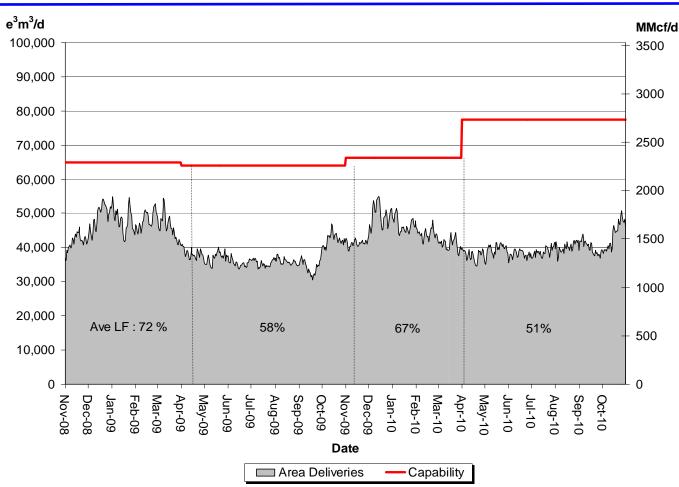


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	49	46	45	46	47	50	



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



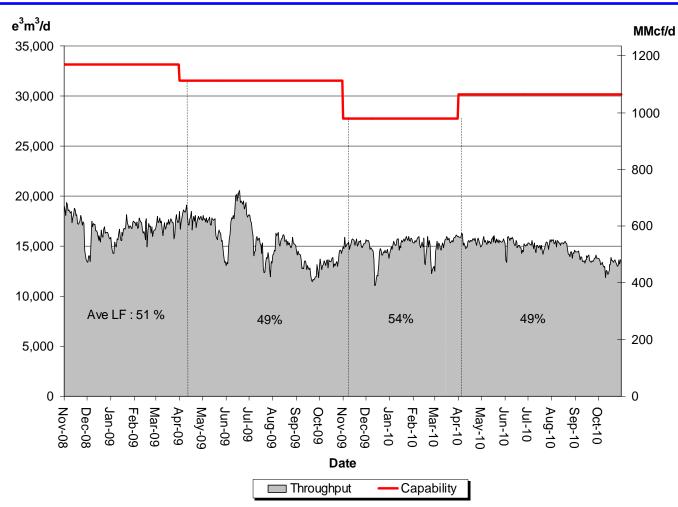


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Design Capability	50	48	46	46	47	51



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER PEACE RIVER



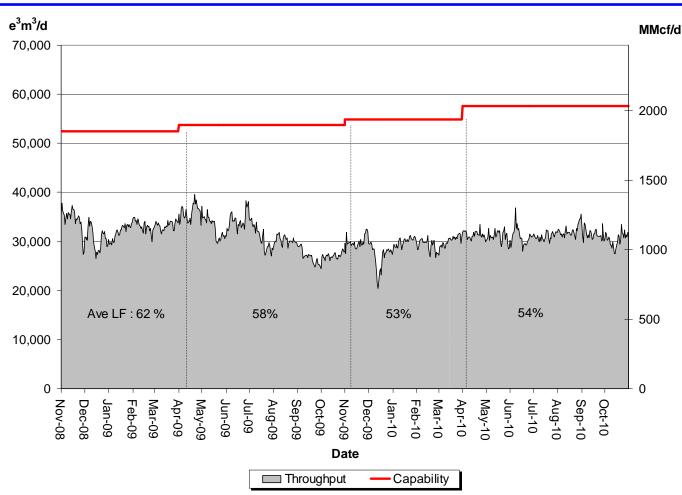


		_	bility Ut a Percentage			
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Design Capability	51	50	50	50	46	44



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER and CENTRAL PEACE RIVER





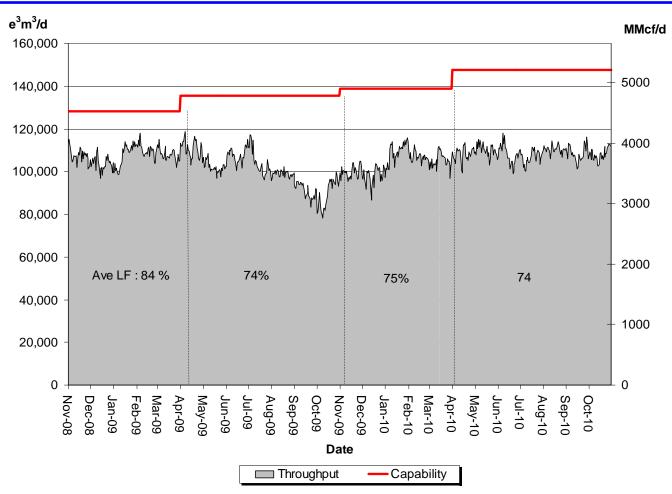
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Capability						
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Design Capability	54	54	54	56	55	53



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION PEACE RIVER DESIGN

(Upper, Central and Lower Peace River)



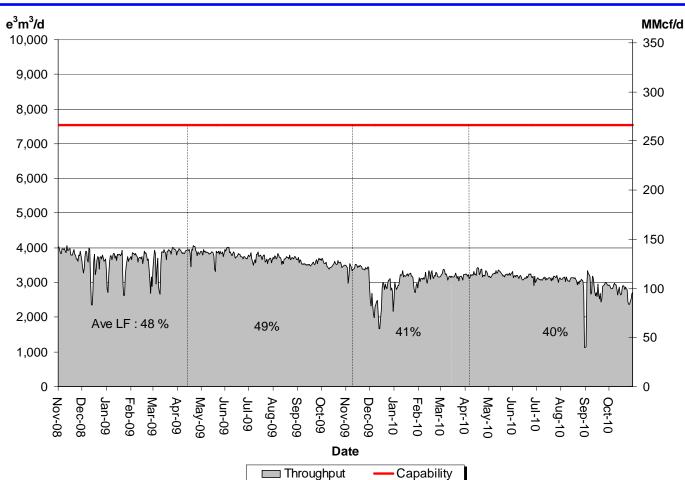


		_	bility Ut a Percentag			
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Design Capability	75	73	72	75	73	73



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MARTEN HILLS





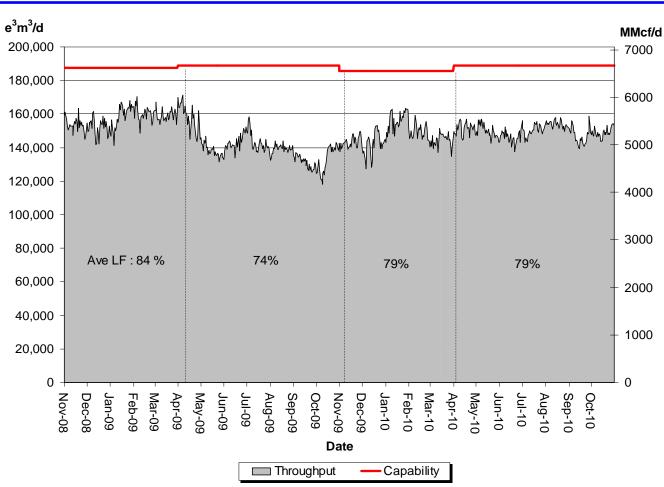
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	43	42	41	40	37	37	



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPSTREAM JAMES RIVER



(Edson Mainline, Peace River Design and Marten Hills)

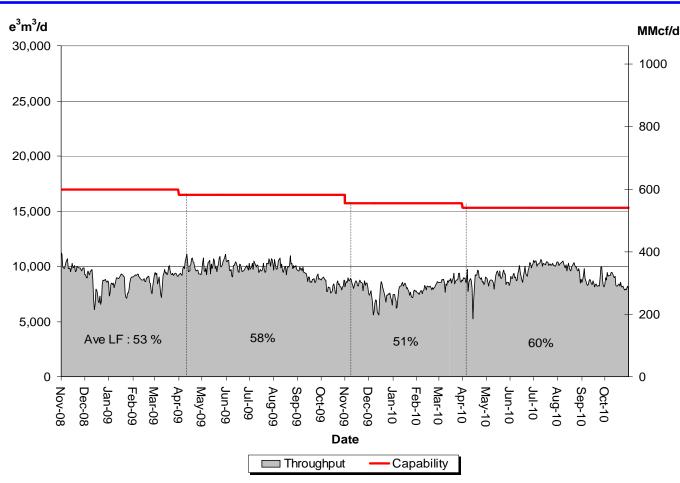


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	79	78	80	82	78	79	



## **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION SOUTH and ALDERSON**



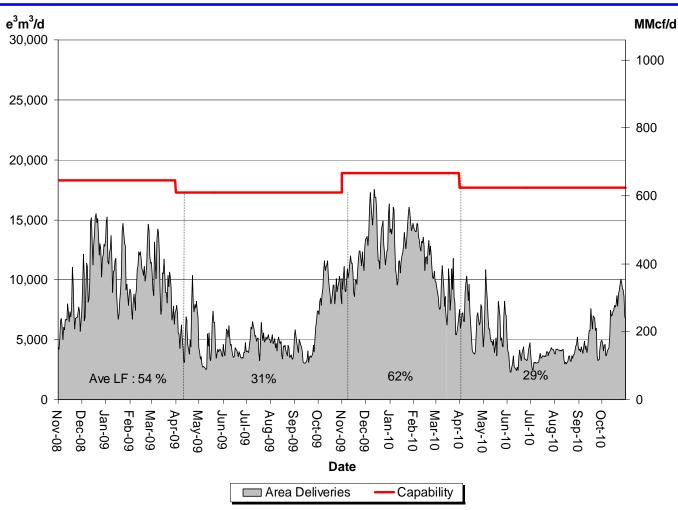


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	58	61	67	65	57	56	



## **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION RIMBEY-NEVIS – FLOW WITHIN**





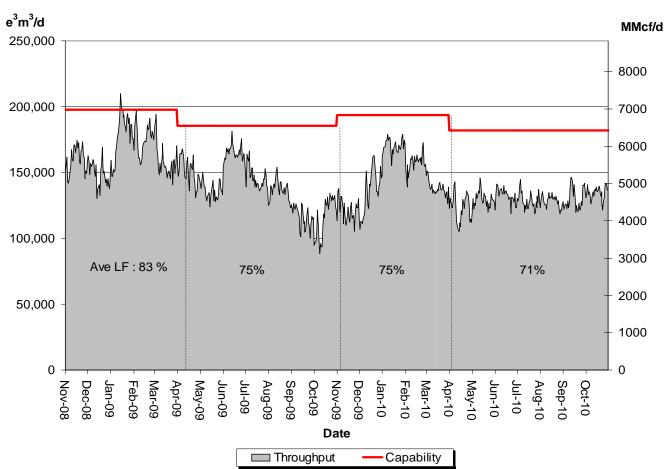
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	34	19	20	22	28	39	



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(James River to Princess)



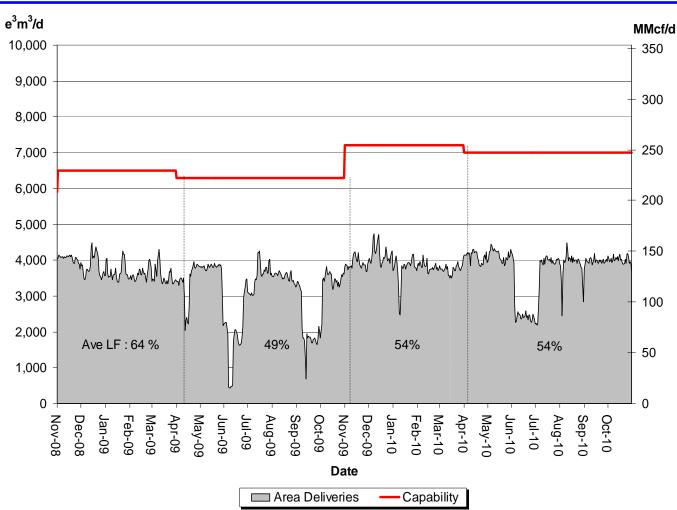


Month	% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Design Capability	71	73	71	71	72	74		



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MEDICINE HAT – FLOW WITHIN





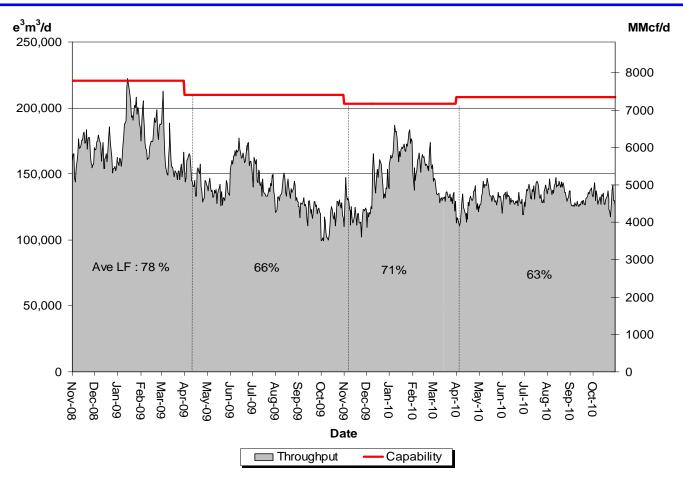
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	59	38	53	55	57	57	



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(Princess to Empress / McNeill)





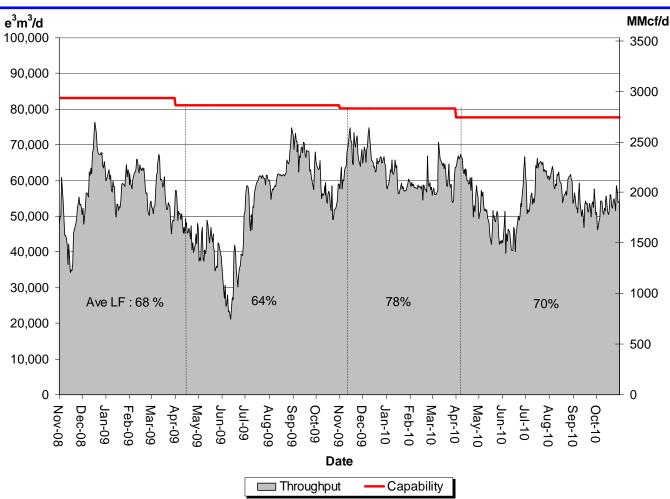
% Design Capability Utilization Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability								
Average Flow / Design Capability	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
	64	62	65	67	62	63		



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION WESTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(Alberta/B.C. and Alberta/Montana Borders)





% Design Capability Utilization Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow /	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Design Capability	63	62	77	76	68	68	



### HISTORICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY

August 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 (3 Month Average)

Empress/McNeill

Alberta-BC

Gordondale

August 1, 2010	August 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010 (3 Month Average)						
Receipt Area		IT-R Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	% CD		Causes/Comments (3)
		Available	Available	Restriction	Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Segment	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Peace River	UPRM 1	100	100	0	0	0	
	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	
	JUDY 24	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	LIEG 10	100	100	0	0	0	
of Bens Lake	KIRB 11	100	100	0	0	0	
	MRTN 6	100	100	0	0	0	
	SMHI12	100	100	0	0	0	
	REDL 13	100	100	0	0	0	
	COLD 14	100	100	0	0	0	
Downstream of	NLAT 15	100	100	0	0	0	
Bens Lake	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		IT-D Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	% CD Re	stricted <sup>(1)</sup>	Causes/Comments <sup>(3)</sup>
	Available <sup>(2)</sup>	Available <sup>(2)</sup>	Available	Restriction	52 .10		
	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
	(70 0. 11110)	(700. 41110)	(70 0. 41110)	(700. 41110)			



## FUTURE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY (MAINLINE RESTRICTIONS)

## **Export Firm Transportation Guidelines**

Firm	Authorize Firm	To Ensure Firm
Transportation	Transportation	Transportation
Service Type	Service By	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

## 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

#### **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

#### <u>Historical Transportation Service Availability</u>

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.

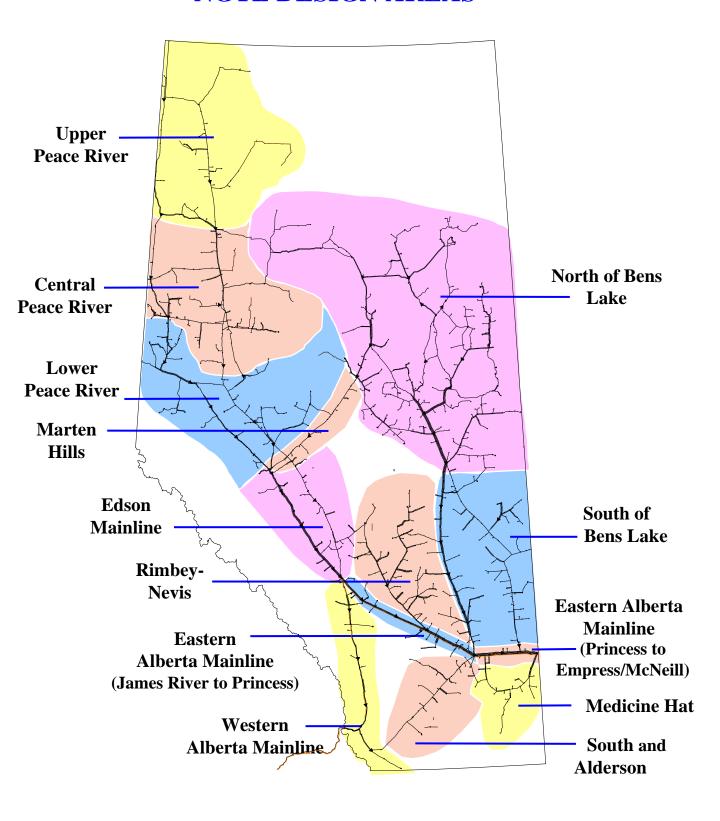
As a monthly feature the Historical Transportation Service Availability is shown as a three-month rolling average of transportation availability.

#### **Future Firm Transportation Service Availability**

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

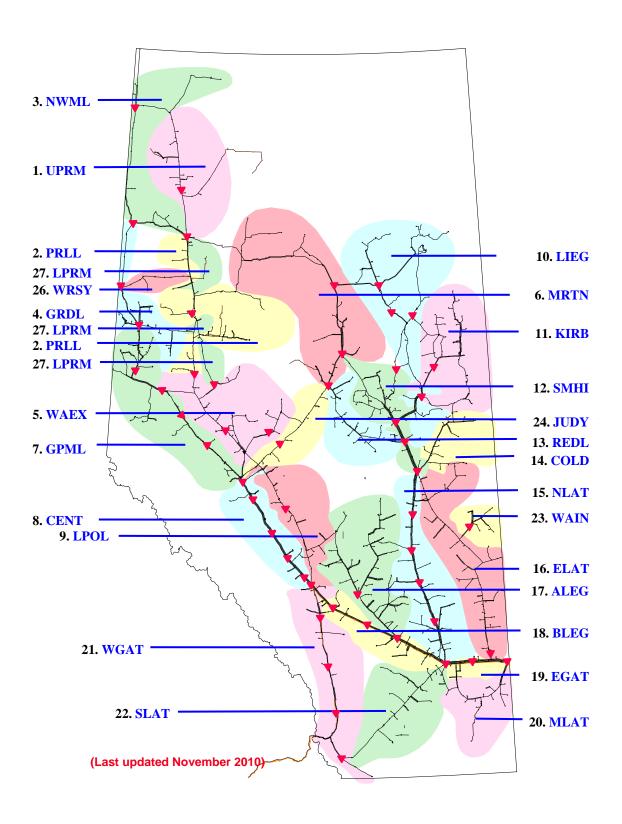


### **NGTL DESIGN AREAS**





### **NGTL PIPELINE SEGMENTS**





### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

### 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.

### 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.

#### Other

#### System Load Factor

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

