

MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on  3rd day of November 2005.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. TTFP Resolution T2005-06 Firm Transportation – Delivery (FT-D) Service Open Season Bid Deadline	Application No. 1420744

## 1 BACKGROUND

On September 28, 2005, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) received Application No. 1420744 (the Application) from NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) requesting, pursuant to Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, approval of amendments to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff (Tariff) related to the open season bid deadline process associated with FT-D Service.

A Notice of Application was issued via email, on October 20, 2005, to parties (on the NGTL 2005 GRA Phase I and Phase II distribution lists) and was posted on the EUB and NGTL websites. Submissions from interested parties were requested by October 26, 2005. The Board did not receive any objections to the Application.

On October 28, 2005, the Board issued Order U2005-391 approving amendments to relevant sections of NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff related to Short Term Firm Transportation Service (STFT) and Firm Transportation – Delivery Winter Service (FT-DW) as well as amendments to the open season process associated with STFT and FT-DW Services and consequential amendments to the Tariff as attached to the Application. Included in the approval was an amendment to the STFT and FT-DW open season bid deadline from 1600 hours Central Clock Time (CCT) to 1100 hours CCT.

## 2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

On September 13, 2005, the Tolls, Tariffs, Facilities & Procedures Committee (TTFP) adopted Issue T2005-06 for the purpose of reviewing and potentially changing the FT-D open season bid deadline from 1600 hours CCT to 1100 hours CCT to align with other Alberta System export services. NGTL submitted that Issue T2005-06 was classified as routine and that subsequent to the adoption of Issue T2005-06, the TTFP met twice to discuss the FT-D Service Open Season bid deadline and agreed that the deadline should be changed from 1600 hours CCT to 1100 hours CCT.

In the Application, NGTL submitted that on September 27, 2005, the TTFP supported the change to the FT-D Service Open Season bid deadline through an unopposed vote on Resolution T2005-06. NGTL attached to its Application, a copy of Resolution T2005-06, along with a black-lined copy of the relevant pages of the Tariff illustrating the amendments, and a clean copy of the relevant pages of the Tariff incorporating the amendments.

NGTL anticipated that the proposed amendments would be effective the first day of the month following Board approval.

### **3 BOARD FINDINGS**

The Board notes that shippers potentially affected by the proposed modifications to the FT-D Service open season bid deadline, had opportunities to provide feedback to the TTFP, and that Resolution T2005-06 was passed through an unopposed vote. The Board also notes that no parties filed an objection in regards to the Application.

The Board notes that the FT-D Service open season bid deadline will now align with the open season bid deadline for the STFT and FT-DW Services of 1100 hours CCT as approved in U2005-391. The Board considers that this administrative alignment of Alberta System export services will result in a consistent and more efficient process.

Based on the potential for a more efficient Alberta System, and the absence of objections to the Application, the Board finds that the requested amendments to the Tariff are reasonable.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. be granted:

- (1) Approval under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, to amend relevant sections of its Gas Transportation Tariff related to amendments to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff (Tariff) related the open season process associated with FT-D Service as attached to the Application.

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