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# Notice

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION APPLICATION NO. 1435652 NOVA GAS TRANSMISSION LTD. TOLLS, TARIFF, FACILITIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE RESOLUTION T2005-07 – ORDER OF ALLOCATION OF GAS FOR BILLING PURPOSES

**Take Notice** that NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) has filed an application with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB or the Board) under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, by letter dated September 14, 2005, for approval of amendments to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff (Tariff) related to Firm Transportation – Delivery Service (FT-D), Firm Transportation – Delivery Winter Service (FT-DW), Firm Transportation – Short Term Firm Transportation Service (STFT), Load Retention Service 2 (LRS-2), and Interruptible Transportation – Delivery Service (IT-D) to modify the order of allocation for gas billing purposes.

# Nature of the Application

On October 28, 2005, the Board issued Order U2005-391 approving Tariff amendments related to the Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (TTFP) Resolution T2005-04, seasonal services attributes. One of these amendments was to change the order in which the volumes were allocated to services for the purpose of billing such that the volumes are allocated to STFT and FT-DW after FT-D. NGTL submitted that this change was made so that contracting for STFT would not increase the amount of Alternate Access credits available to FT-D contract holders.

NGTL submitted that after the adoption of Resolution T2005-04 customers became aware of the potential for a negative impact caused by such a change to the order of allocation for billing purposes. The change to the order of allocation may cause customers to incur higher Unutilized Demand Charges (UDCs) under STFT and FT-DW contracts and additional Interruptible Transportation (IT) charges.

As a result of these concerns, this matter was discussed by meetings of the Seasonal Service Attribute Review Task Force and the TTFP. In an unopposed vote of Resolution T2005-07 the TTFP supported Tariff amendments such that volumes transported would be allocated in the order of LRS-2, followed by STFT and FT-DW, FT-D and IT-D. NGTL submitted that although the availability of Alternate Access credits relative to FT-D service may be increased by this change to the order of allocations, the maximum Alternate Access credits would be capped at a customer's FT-D contract demand.

### **Additional Information**

To obtain additional information or a copy of the Application contact:

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Copies of the Application are available for viewing through the IAR Query link on the Applications page of the EUB website <u>EUB View Application - 1435652</u>.

In addition, the Board directs NGTL to post the Notice of Application on its website for the availability of all interested parties.

## To File an Objection

As NGTL has requested an expedited process for this Application, the Board directs parties that want to file a submission to state your reasons for objecting to or supporting the Application, and include this with your submission by **noon January 13, 2006**. If no submissions are received from parties opposed to the Application, the Board may continue to process the Application without further notice.

Send one copy to NGTL, c/o Alex Harris, at the address indicated above and to the EUB via electronic mail at <u>EUB.UTL@gov.ab.ca</u> referencing Application No. 1435652.

The Board will establish further process following the deadline for filing objections if required. If you have any questions or concerns with respect to EUB procedures, please contact Andrea Laroiya, at <u>andrea.laroiya@gov.ab.ca</u> or by telephone at (403) 297-2426.

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ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD Douglas A. Larder, General Counsel