

MADE at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on 12th day of December 2006.	 ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. Amendment to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff – Financial Assurances	Application No. 1485922

1 BACKGROUND

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) received Application No.1485922, dated November 7, 2006, from NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL), under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, for approval of amendments to NGTL's Gas Transmission Tariff (Tariff) related to financial assurances. NGTL is seeking Board approval to reduce the requirement for financial assurances for commodity based charges from 100 days to 70 days.

NGTL also filed for information, the revised document "Alberta Transportation Procedures – Credit and Financial Assurances" previously filed with the Board on September 15, 2004 related to Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures (TTFP) Resolution T2004-02 and the associated Board Order U2004-376 issued on October 8, 2004.

NGTL submitted that on October 17, 2006, the TTFP was informed of this filing and provided an opportunity to comment. NGTL did not receive any concerns in regard to this proposal.

2 DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

In a letter dated August 31, 2006, the Board acknowledged NGTL's filing of Tariff amendments relating to TTFP resolution T2006-06 – New Industry Calendar that provided the ability for NGTL to bill customers for both demand and commodity charges in the same month for most services.

As a result of these changes to the billing process, NGTL has applied to the Board to reduce the requirement for financial assurances for commodity based charges from 100 days to 70 days. NGTL submitted that this amendment will align the Tariff with financial assurances requirements.

Notice of the Application was issued November 28, 2006. Interventions from interested parties were requested by December 4, 2006. The Board received one statement of intention to participate from the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA). The UCA did not object to the Application.

3 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board agrees that the proposed amendments will align the Tariff with NGTL's financial assurance requirements and is consistent with NGTL's billing of customers for both demand and commodity charges in the same month for most services. The Board is satisfied that customers and interested parties, through the TTFP, NGTL's website and the Board's notice and information request, were aware of the proposed amendments to the Tariff, and any impacts these changes may have. Based on a review of the Application and for the reasons noted above, the Board believes that the requested Tariff changes are reasonable.

Therefore, the Board approves the amendments to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff as it relates to financial assurances.

4 ORDER

- (1) The amendments to NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff related to financial assurances as filed in the Application are approved.

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