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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 640 - 5th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4 By e-mail Original by courier

Attention: Lisa Kelly

Application Officer

Dear Ms. Kelly:

Subject: NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)

2004 General Rate Application – Phase 1 (the Application)

EUB Application No. 1315423

NGTL's Information Requests to Industrial Gas Consumers Association of

Alberta (IGCAA)

Attached for filing with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) and service on interveners are NGTL's information requests to IGCAA. NGTL is filing these information requests in advance of the established deadline for information requests to interveners to address concerns about the relevance of certain portions of IGCAA's evidence to Phase 1 of the GRA. The early filing of these requests has been discussed with IGCAA's counsel.

NGTL has preassigned Exhibit No. 002-07 to this letter and the attached information requests based on the numbering convention established previously by the Board.

Yours truly,

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.

a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited

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Patrick M. Keys Associate General Counsel, Regulatory

cc: Interested Parties List - EUB Application No. 1315423 (by e-mail)

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. 2004 General Rate Application – Phase 1 **Application No. 1315423**

Information Requests of NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. to the Industrial Gas Consumers Association of Alberta (IGCAA)

Question 1:

Topic: Alternate Access

Reference: Intervener Evidence of IGCAA, Section IV Alternate Access, pages 7 - 9.

Preamble: IGCAA requests that the Board direct NGTL to re-estimate its 2004

Revenue Requirement as a result of IGCAA's proposed changes to the

Alternate Access pilot. NGTL seeks clarification of that request.

Requests:

Please explain how IGCAA's proposed changes to Alternate Access (a) would impact NGTL's 2004 Revenue Requirement.

Question 2:

Topic: Alternate Access

Reference: Intervener Evidence of IGCAA, Section IV Alternate Access, page 9, lines

19 to 21.

Preamble: IGCAA proposes changes to the rate structure associated with the

Alternate Access pilot for cost accountability reasons.

Requests:

Please confirm that IGCAA is proposing changes to the rate structure of (a) an existing NGTL service.

- (b) Would IGCAA be prepared to have the issues related to Alternate Access addressed in Phase 2 of the GRA instead of in Phase 1?
- (c) If IGCAA's response to (b) is yes, is IGCAA willing to withdraw its evidence on this issue from the Phase 1 proceeding?
- If IGCAA's response to (b) is no, please explain the relevance of (d) IGCAA's proposed changes to the Alternate Access pilot to the Phase 1 proceeding.