# SYSTEM UTILIZATION AND RELIABILITY MONTHLY REPORT

for the month ending February, 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 December 1, 2009 February 28, 2010 was deemed to be 100% available in all pipe segments except UPRM which was deemed to be 97% available.
- Border Availability at Empress/McNeill, Gordondale and Alberta/BC, over a 3 month average from December 1, 2009 February 28, 2010, were all deemed 100% available.

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### FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE<sup>1</sup> CONTRACT UTILIZATION<sup>2</sup>

By NGTL Pipeline Segments

		By I	NGTL Pipelin	e Segments				
Segment	Receipt Contract	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Feb CD (mmcf/d)
UPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT	90%	86%	84%	80%	84%		141
	FT + IT	93%	90%	94%	89%	90%	71%	
LPRM <sup>4</sup>	FT	93%	90%	88%	86%	86%		18
<b>4</b>	FT + IT	116%	107%	106%	101%	107%		
PRLL ⁴	FT FT · IT	96%	96%	93% 107%	91%	91%		173
NWML <sup>4</sup>	FT + IT	111%	110%	107%	103%	106%		415
IN VV IVIL	FT FT + IT	88% 93%	94% 100%	93% 98%	91% 94%	95% 101%		415
GRDL ⁴	FT + II FT	88%	90%	987% 87%	94 /8 92%	94%		247
GRDL	F I FT + IT	88% 107%	90% 112%	87% 116%	92% 112%	94% 121%		27,
WRSY <sup>4</sup>	FT	96%	96%	94%	95%	97%		35
	FT + IT	122%	121%	132%	123%	137%		~-
WAEX	FT	79%	82%	92%	85%	94%		267
	FT + IT	112%	121%	144%	117%	133%		
JUDY	FT	97%	97%	96%	93%	94%	97%	105
	FT + IT	121%	120%	119%	111%	108%		
GPML	FT	88%	87%	95%	88%	93%		2,120
	FT + IT	96%	96%	106%	97%	104%		
CENT	FT FT · JT	95% 115%	95%	94%	95% 112%	92%		928
- 501	FT + IT	115%	114%	117%	112%	117%		122
LPOL	FT FT + IT	95% 117%	96% 110%	96% 121%	90% 112%	84% 111%		432
WCAT	FT + IT FT	117% 90%	119% 91%	121% 93%	112% 94%	111% 96%		363
WGAT	FT FT + IT	90% 104%	91% 119%	93% 124%	94% 127%	96% 129%		363
ALEG	FT + II FT	95%	95%	124 /8 95%	94%	96%		957
ALEG	FT + IT	93 /8 119%	118%	120%	115%	120%		<i></i>
SLAT	FT	97%	96%	96%	95%	96%		250
	FT + IT	117%	114%	121%	116%	117%		
MLAT	FT	97%	98%	97%	95%	95%		259
	FT + IT	110%	110%	116%	106%	106%		
BLEG	FT	97%	97%	96%	94%	96%	96%	610
	FT + IT	110%	107%	105%	102%	105%	107%	
EGAT	FT	96%	96%	97%	92%	94%		47
	FT + IT	131%	139%	300%	268%	117%		
MRTN	FT	83%	88%	87%	83%	82%		132
	<b>FT</b> + <b>IT</b>	96%	103%	113%	101%	102%		
LIEG	FT FT	84%	83%	54%	47%	49%		85
	FT + IT	106%	107%	90%	90%	92%		00
KIRB	FT FT · JT	84%	87%	83%	78%	80%		90
CNATH	FT + IT FT	94% 82%	97% 879/	105%	94% 810/	100%		72
SMHI	FT FT + IT	82% 116%	87% 119%	73% 117%	81% 118%	78% 121%		72
REDL	FT + II FT	86%	83%	84%	77%	121% 81%		66
KEDL	FT FT + IT	140%	83% 146%	158%	147%	156%		00
COLD	FT	81%	80%	79%	77%	78%		44
COLD	FT + IT	110%	115%	126%	116%	117%		
NLAT	FT	90%	91%	94%	92%	95%		236
	FT + IT	118%	117%	122%	113%	118%		-
WAIN	FT	86%	85%	83%	72%	84%		18
	FT + IT	115%	116%	110%	100%	109%	108%	
ELAT	FT	92%	94%	95%	93%	93%		155
	FT + IT	132%	134%	140%	128%	132%		
TOTAL SYSTEM	FT FT + IT	91% 108%	92% 109%	93% 115%	90% 108%	92% 112%		8,265
Segment	FT + IT Delivery	108%	109%	115%	108%	112%	115%	Feb CD
Segment	Contract	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	(GJ/d)
Empress	FT	94%	96%	97%	96%	98%		3,706,716
÷	FT + IT	106%	112%	107%	106%	113%		· ·
McNeill	FT	92%	82%	96%	100%	99%	99%	1,241,313
	FT + IT	108%	110%	121%	133%	126%	141%	
ABC	FT	92%	86%	94%	95%	88%		2,473,465
	FT + IT	99%	86%	97%	97%	89%	89%	

**\*NOTE:** 

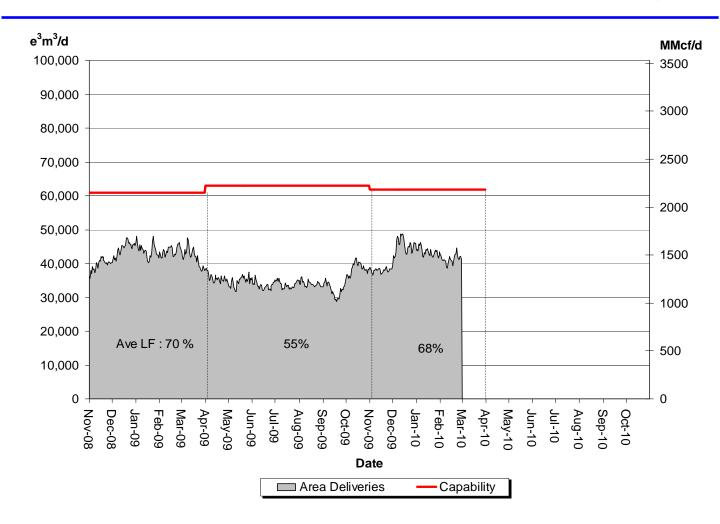
1. FT includes all receipt and export delivery Firm Transportation Services: FTR, LRS, FTD.

2. IT includes all receipt and border delivery Interruptible Services: ITR, FRO, ITD, FDO.

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.



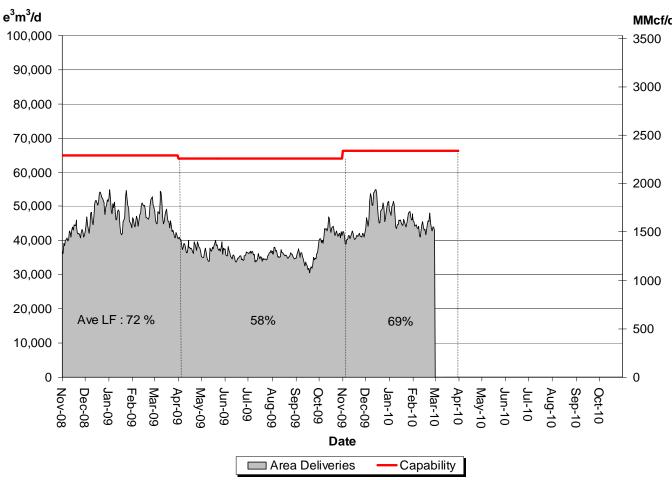
## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION NORTH OF BENS LAKE – FLOW WITHIN



% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability								
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		
Design Capability	51	61	61	73	70	67		



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



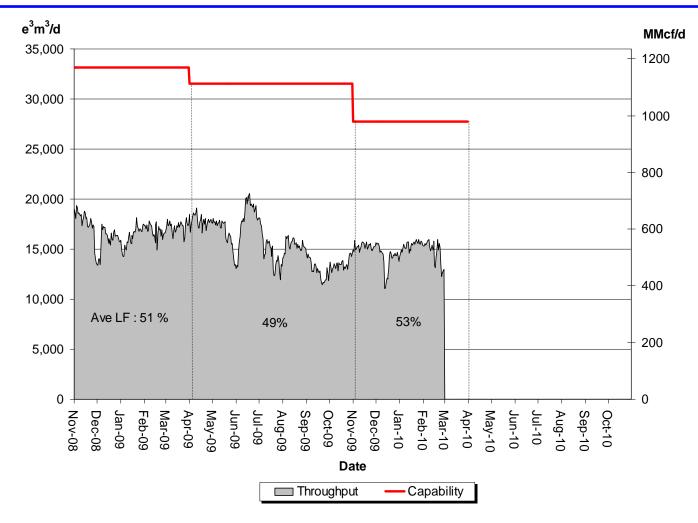
Monthly Ave	% Desig erage Actual A	· •	v			ty
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Design Capability	54	66	62	75	71	67





## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER PEACE RIVER



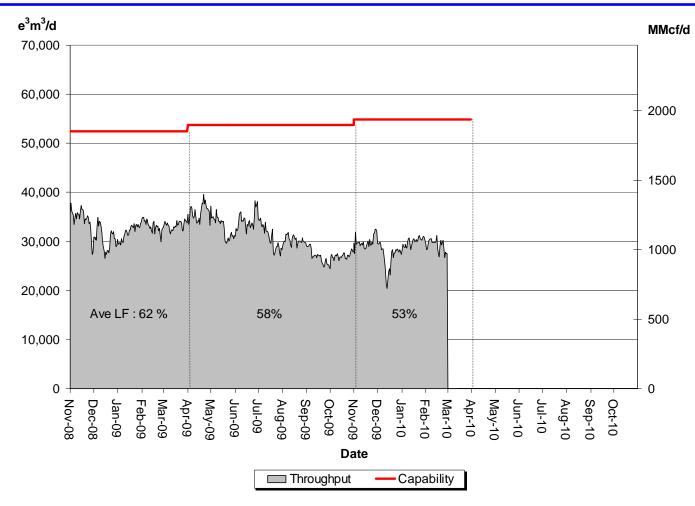


% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Design Capability	41	43	55	51	55	53



## **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER and CENTRAL PEACE RIVER**



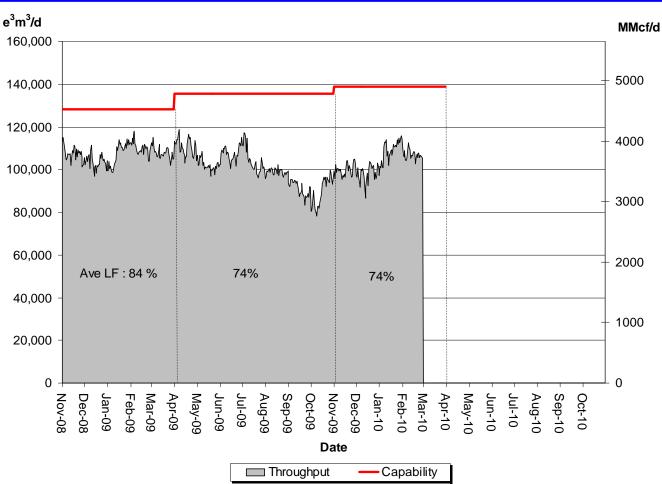


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Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Design Capability	52	49	54	49	54	53



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION PEACE RIVER DESIGN

(Upper, Central and Lower Peace River)



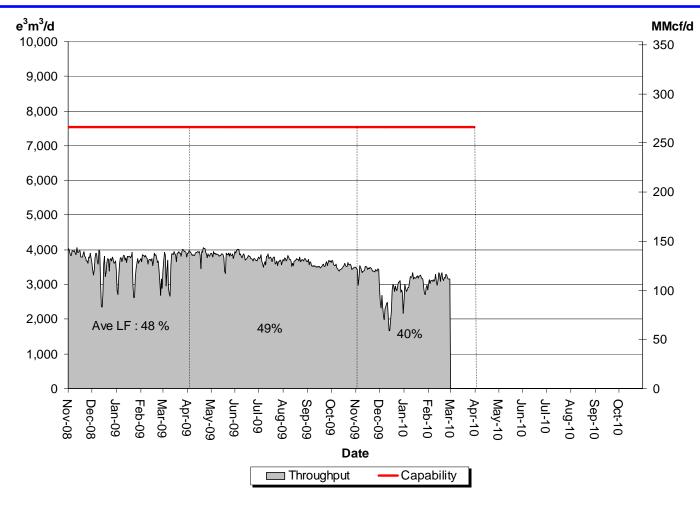
% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability								
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		
Design Capability	67	65	72	70	78	77		





## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MARTEN HILLS





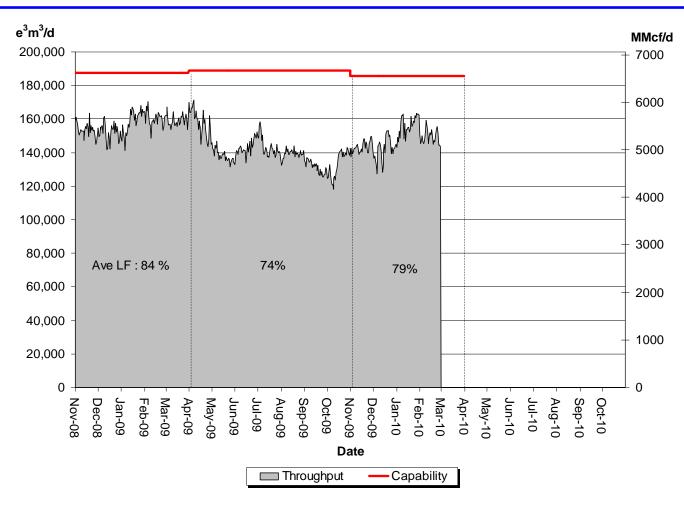
% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability								
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		
Design Capability	47	47	45	34	40	42		



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPSTREAM JAMES RIVER



(Edson Mainline, Peace River Design and Marten Hills)

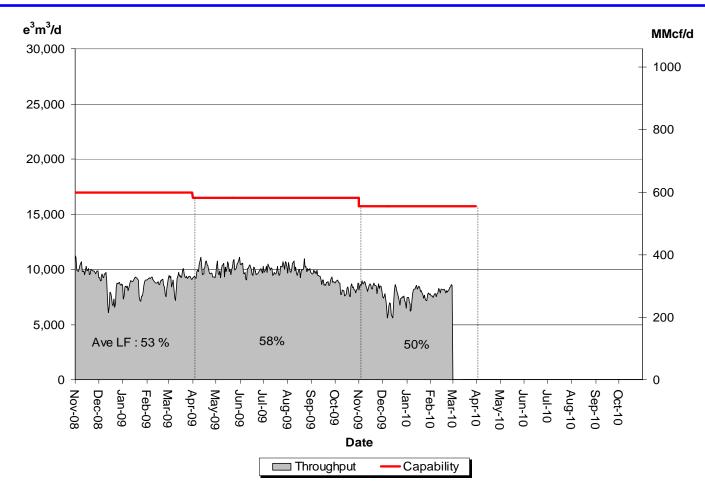


% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Design Capability	69	70	77	76	84	80	



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



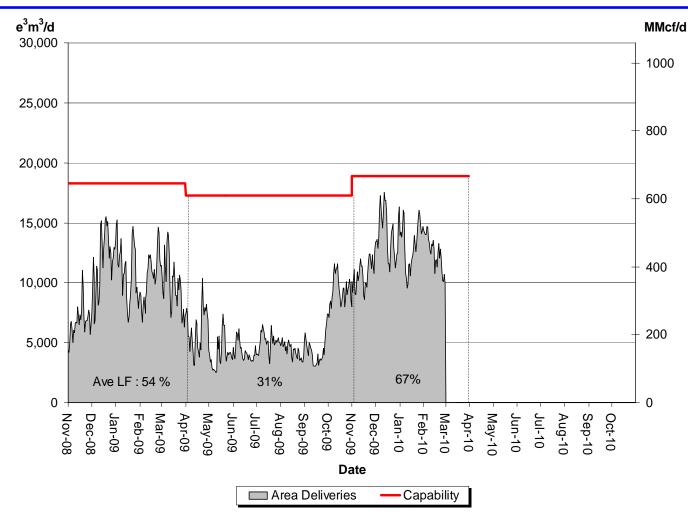


Month	% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability								
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb			
Design Capability	55	50	54	45	49	51			



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





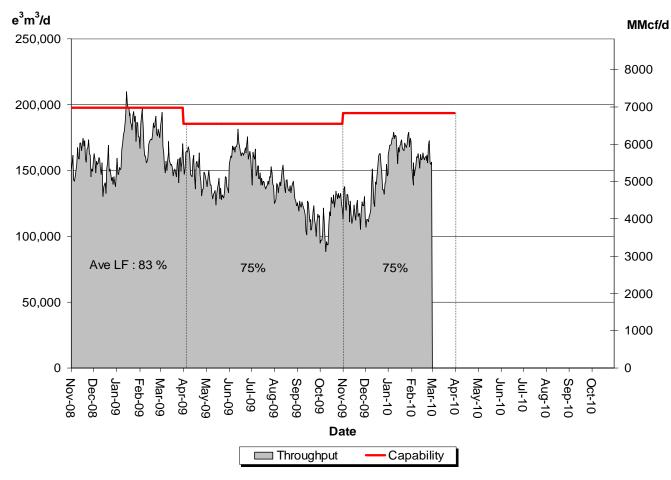
% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability									
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb			
Design Capability	25	54	57	75	70	66			



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(James River to Princess)



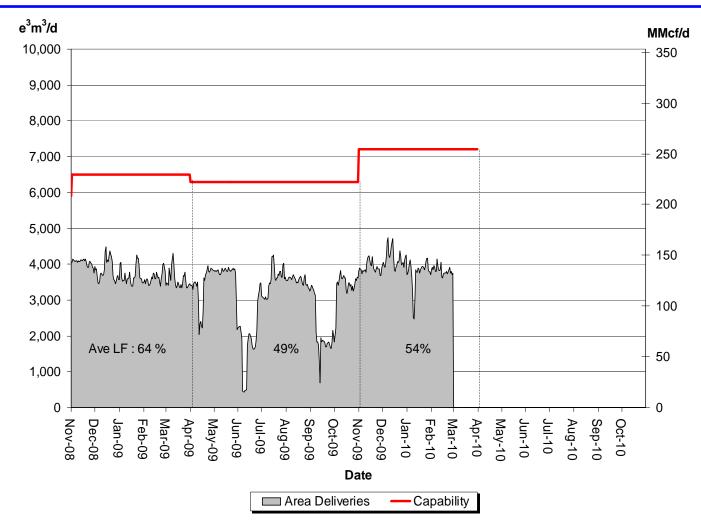


% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Design Capability	63	63	63	70	88	81	



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MEDICINE HAT – FLOW WITHIN

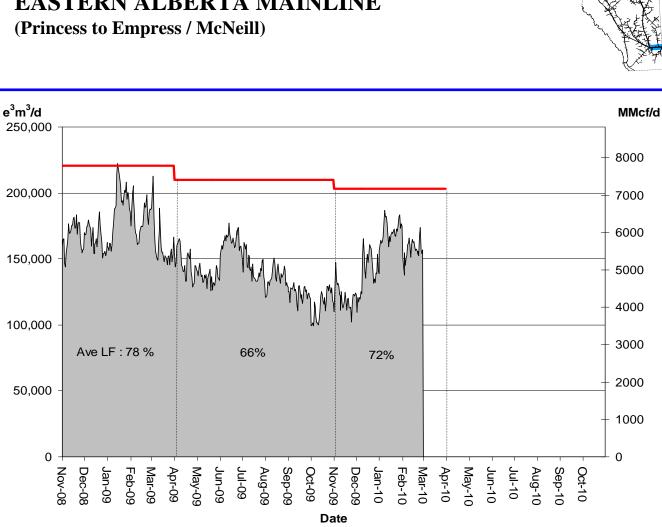




% Design Capability Utilization Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Design Capability	34	53	54	58	52	53



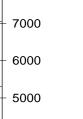
# **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE**



% Design Capability Utilization Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow /	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Design Capability	59	55	59	69	84	77

Capability

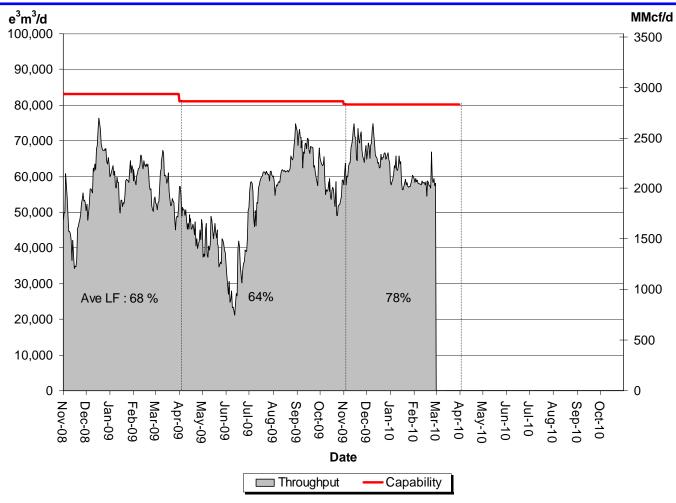
Throughput





### 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 /	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
Design Capability	83	70	83	83	74	73	



### HISTORICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY

### December 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010 (3 Month Average)

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Receipt Area		IT-R Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	% CD		Causes/Comments <sup>(3)</sup>
		Available	Available	Restriction	Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Segment	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Peace River	UPRM 1	0	97	3	11	4	NPS 20 Peace River Mainline Incident, Inspection and Repair
	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	
	SMHI 12	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			
	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Empress/McNeill		100	100	0	0	0	
Alberta-BC		100	100	0	0	0	
Gordondale		100	100	0	0	0	
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### 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

### **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.

### 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



## 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.



### Historical Transportation Service Availability

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.

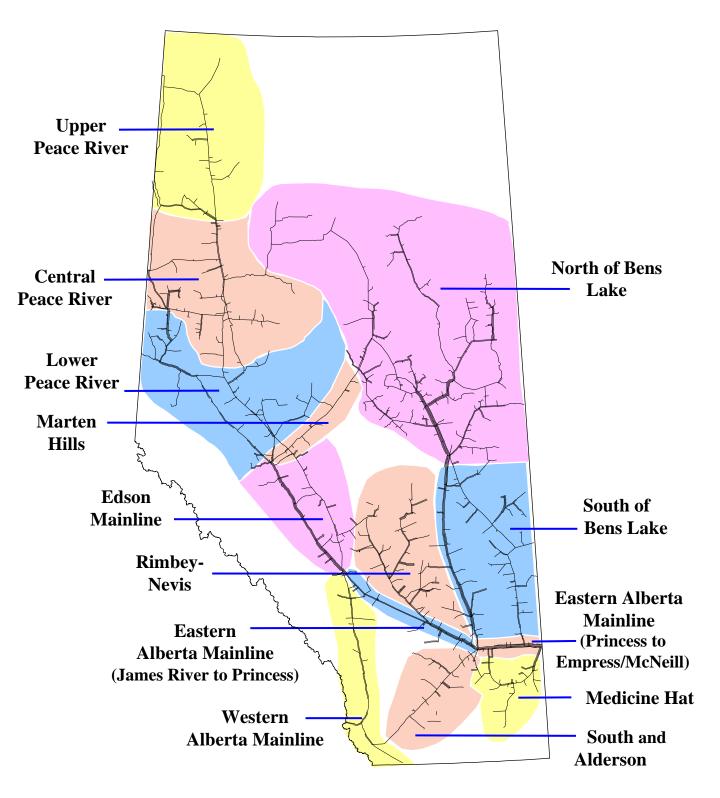
As a monthly feature the Historical Transportation Service Availability is shown as a three-month rolling average of transportation availability.

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

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

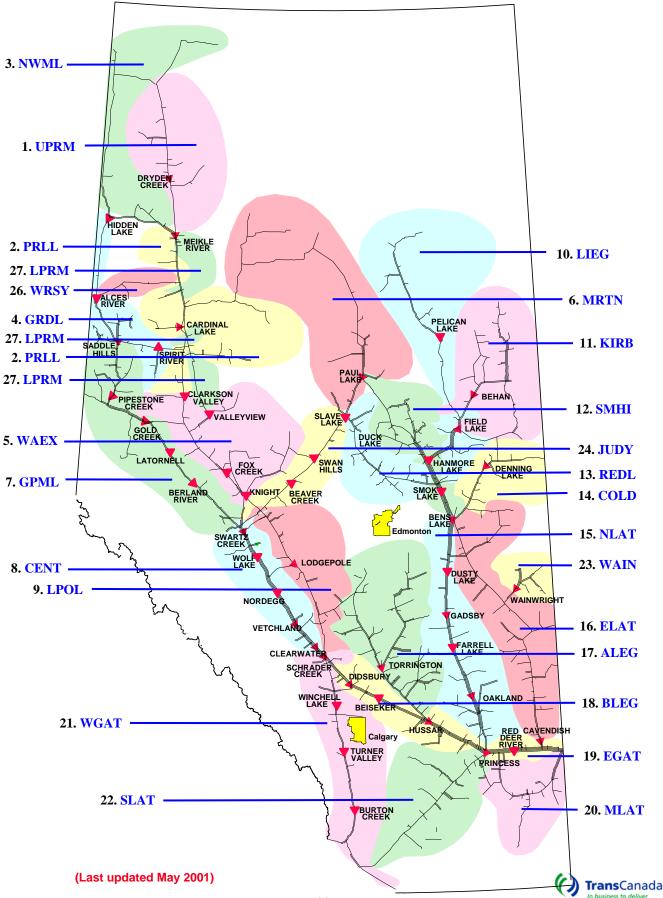


## **NGTL DESIGN AREAS**





### **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.

### Other

#### System Load Factor

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

#### 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.

