# SYSTEM UTILIZATION AND RELIABILITY MONTHLY REPORT

for the month ending August, 2012

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#### **Highlights This Month:**

- The commercial integration of ATCO Pipelines (AP) into the Alberta System occurred on October 1, 2011. The throughput data reported for the Alberta system includes ATCO Pipeline System flows as of October 1, 2011. The Summer 2011 seasonal design capabilities were maintained preintegration levels and applied for the majority of the Summer 2011 season.
- The average actual flow for the dominant flow condition in each of the Alberta design areas is compared against the corresponding design capability to obtain a measure of pipeline utilization. Consequently, design capability utilization is measured as Average Actual Flow / Seasonal Design Capability.
- FT Receipt Availability over a 3 month average from June 1, 2012 August 31, 2012 was deemed to be 100% available in all pipe segments.
- Border Availability at Empress/McNeill, Gordondale and Alberta/BC, over a 3 month average from June 1, 2012 August 31, 2012 were all deemed 100% available.
- The Firm Transportation service contract utilization table (page 3 of this report) illustrates the FT and TF + IT utilization for receipts and deliveries.

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#### FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE<sup>1</sup> CONTRACT UTILIZATION<sup>3</sup>

By NGTL Pipeline Segments August 2012

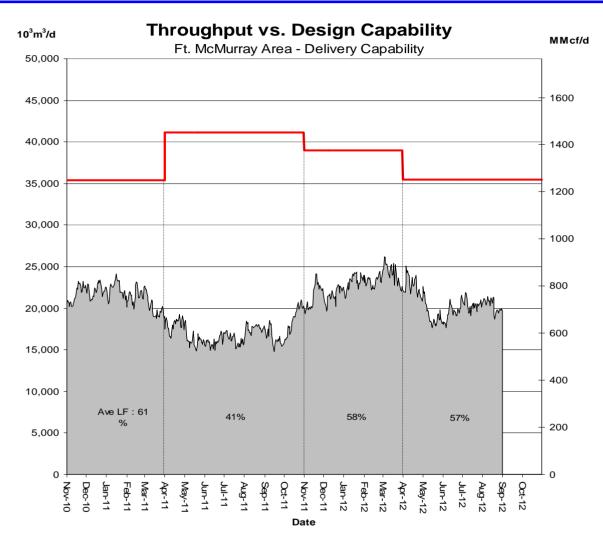
		Deli	verv	ry Receipt			
		Den	Aug CD	Ke	Aug CD		
Segment		Utilization		Utilization	(MMcf/d)		
UPRM	$\mathbf{FT}$ $\mathbf{FT} + \mathbf{IT}^2$	6% 8%	25.4	87% 94%	85		
LPRM	FT FT + IT	0% 0%	0.0	0% 0%	0		
PRLL	FT FT + IT	31% 32%	48.1	90% 97%	147		
NWML	FT FT + IT	0% 6%	2.7	60% 64%	385		
GRDL	FT FT + IT	10% 11%	4.7	81% 84%	1,225		
WRSY	FT FT + IT	0% 0%	0.0	86% 105%	24		
WAEX	FT FT + IT	13% 25%	43.4	71% 97%	393		
JUDY	FT FT + IT	28% 28%	16.6	94% 111%	64		
GPML	FT	22%	167.6	83%	3,061		
CENT	FT + IT	39%	9.8	92%	875		
LPOL	FT + IT	39% 25%	82.6	93%	550		
WGAT	FT + IT FT	33% 68%	3,372.3	117% 79%	461		
ALEG	FT + IT $FT$	72% 28%	315.3	86% 93%	920		
SLAT	FT + IT $FT$	48% 12%	178.3	115% 93%	257		
MLAT	FT + IT	12% 73%	262.1	109% 84%	230		
	FT + IT	79%		93%			
BLEG	FT FT + IT	49% 49%	142.6	95% 107%	612		
EGAT	FT FT + IT	95% 120%	3,617.4	98% 122%	40		
MRTN	FT FT + IT	16% 19%	28.1	87% 99%	84		
LIEG	FT FT + IT	71% 81%	1,012.7	68% 97%	52		
KIRB	FT FT + IT	76% 84%	787.1	80% 123%	47		
SMHI	FT FT + IT	56% 56%	12.1	86% 123%	48		
REDL	FT FT + IT	54% 56%	13.1	92% 122%	49		
COLD	FT FT + IT	55% 102%	56.8	91% 122%	31		
EDM	FT FT + IT	33% 34%	1,709.4	90% 107%	81		
NLAT	FT FT + IT	22% 22%	16.0	94% 111%	185		
WAIN	FT FT + IT	3% 3%	0.5	85% 109%	12		
ELAT	FT FT + IT	75% 80%	256.5	87% 108%	171		
TOTAL SYSTEM	FT FT + IT	68% 79%	12,181.5	85% 97%	10,090		



<sup>\*</sup>NOTE:
1. FT includes all receipt and delivery Firm Transportation Services: FTR, FTRN,
2. IT includes all receipt and delivery Interruptible Services: ITR, FRO, ITD1, ITD2,
3. Utilization data is based on billed monthly volumes. Percent utilization calculated billed volumes divided by applicable receipt or delivery Contract level.

### DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION FT. McMURRAY AREA – FLOW WITHIN





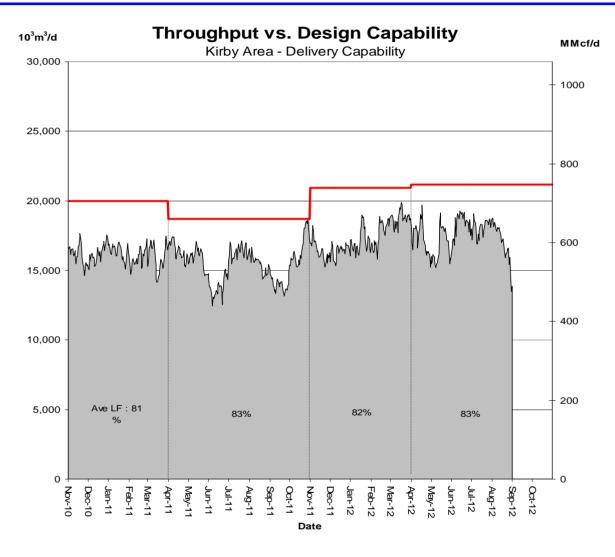
Throughput —Capability

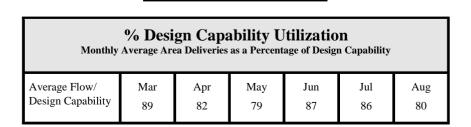
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	62	64	54	55	57	57



### DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION KIRBY AREA – FLOW WITHIN





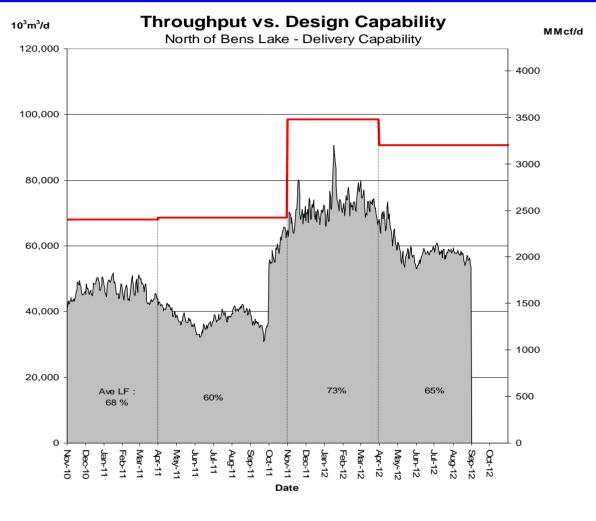


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### DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION NORTH OF BENS LAKE – FLOW WITHIN





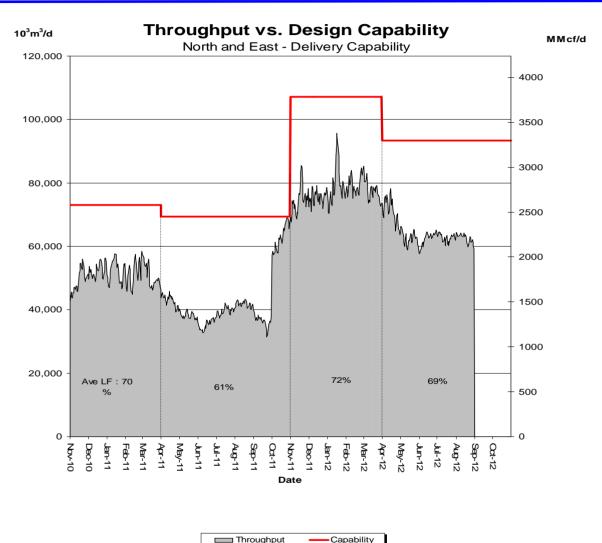
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	73	73	63	63	64	63

Capability



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



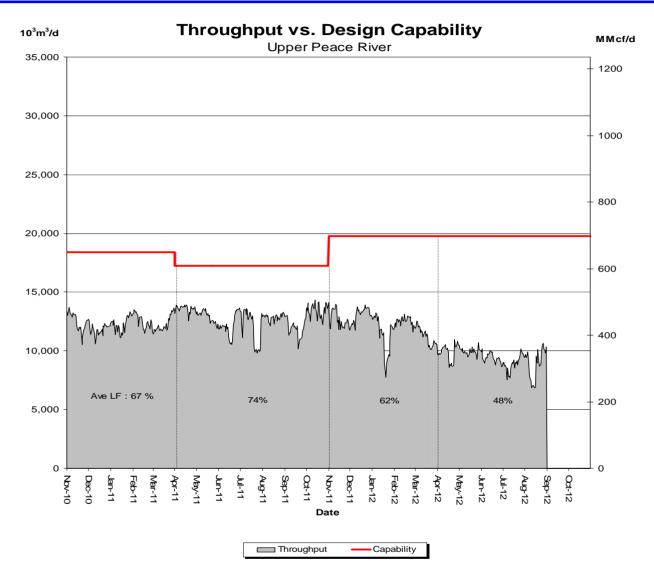


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability						ty
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	72	76	67	67	67	67



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER PEACE RIVER



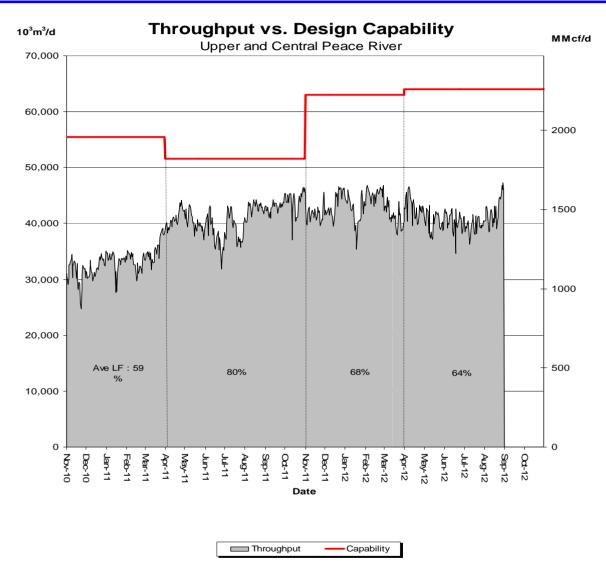


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Design Capability	57	50	50	48	45	45	



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPPER and CENTRAL PEACE RIVER





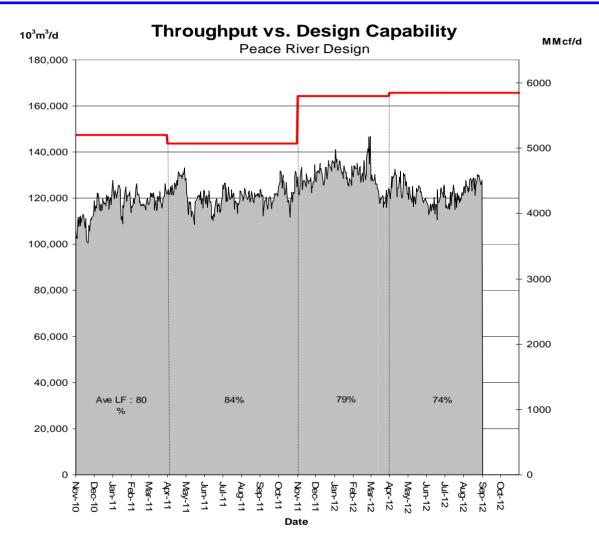
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	65	67	63	63	62	66



### DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION PEACE RIVER DESIGN

(Upper, Central and Lower Peace River)





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Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	75	76	73	71	72	76

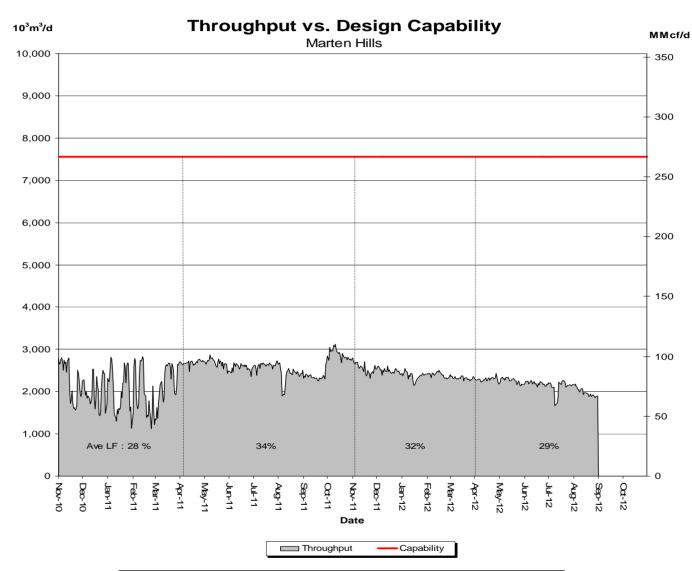
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# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MARTEN HILLS





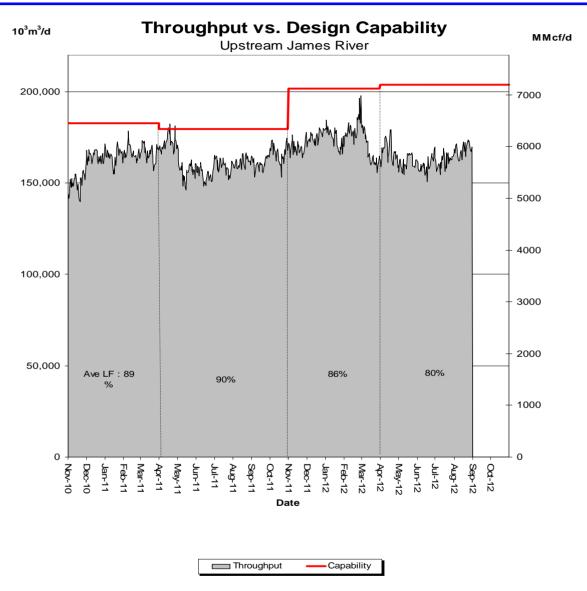
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Design Capability	31	30	30	29	28	26	



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION UPSTREAM JAMES RIVER



(Edson Mainline, Peace River Design and Marten Hills)

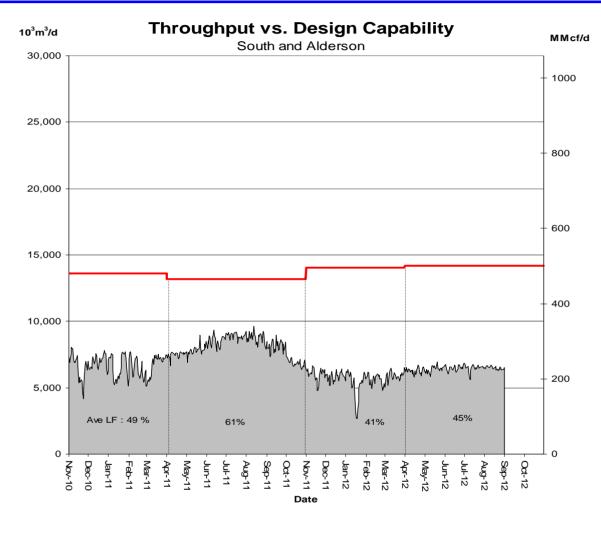


% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	83	82	79	78	79	82



# **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION SOUTH and ALDERSON**





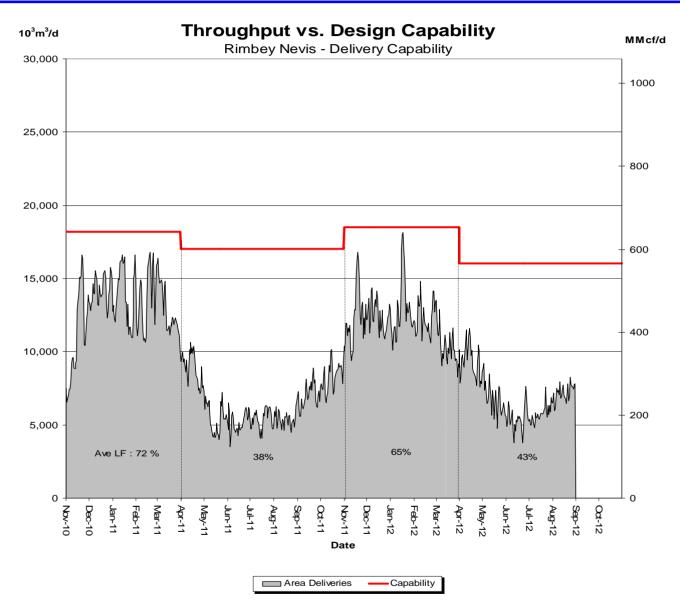
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	42	44	45	46	46	46

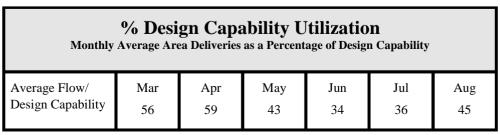
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### **DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION RIMBEY-NEVIS – FLOW WITHIN**





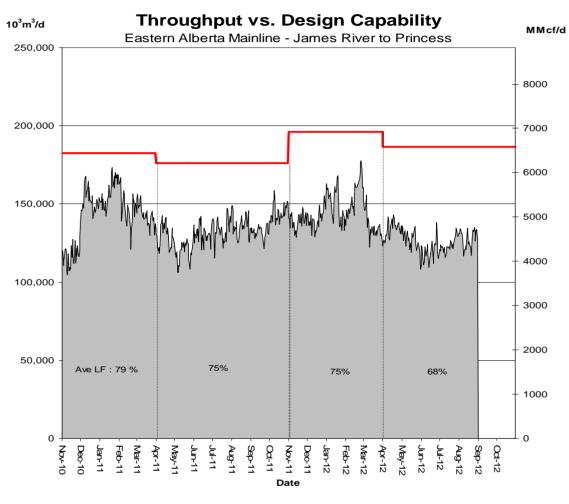




## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(James River to Princess)





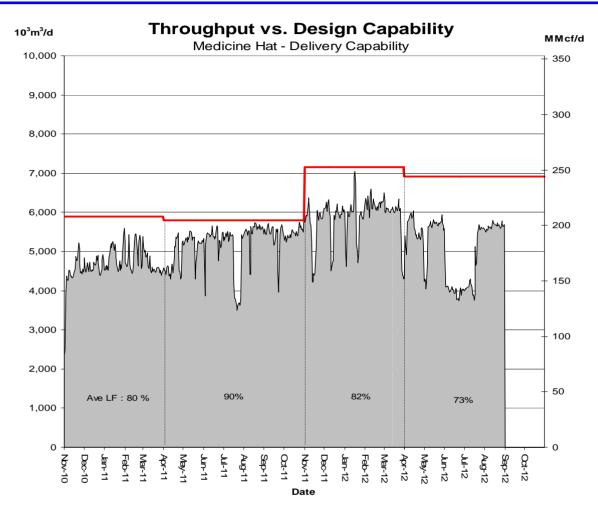
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Design Capability	69	72	68	64	66	68

Capability



## DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION MEDICINE HAT – FLOW WITHIN





Area Deliveries	Capability

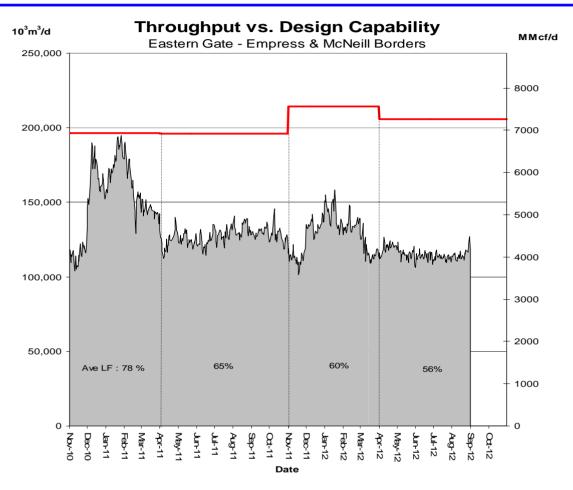
% Design Capability Utilization  Monthly Average Area Deliveries as a Percentage of Design Capability							
Average Flow/	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Design Capability	82	80	79	59	68	82	



# DESIGN CAPABILITY UTILIZATION EASTERN ALBERTA MAINLINE

(Princess to Empress / McNeill)





Throughput	Capability		
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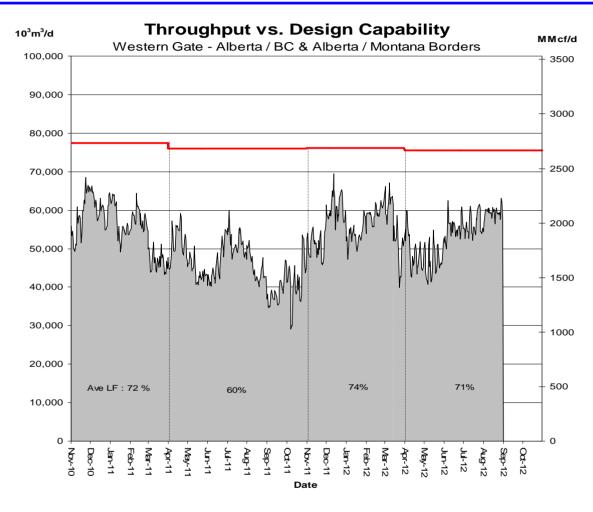
% Design Capability Utilization Average Actual Flow as a Percentage of Design Capability						
Average Flow / Design Capability	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	55	58	56	55	55	56



### 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								
A /	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Δυα		
Average Flow / Design Capability	73	Apr 65	63	73	74	Aug 78		

Capability



### HISTORICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY

June 1, 2012 to August 31, 2012 (3 Month Average)

Receipt Area		IT-R Service	Firm Service	Firm Service	Service % CD		Causes/Comments (3)
		Available	Available	Restriction	Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Segment	(% of time)	(% of time)	(% of time)	Max	Average	
Peace River	UPRM 1	100	100	0	0	0	
	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	
	WRSY26	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	
	SMHI12	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	



## FUTURE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AVAILABILITY (MAINLINE RESTRICTIONS)

### **Receipt and Delivery Firm Transportation Guidelines**

Firm Transportation Location	Authorize Firm Transportation Service By	To Ensure Firm Transportation Service By
Summer construction (generally south of Edmonton)	November 2012	November 2014
Winter construction (generally north of Edmonton)	November 2012	April 2015

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

Please refer to the following web site for current FT-D Availability Map:

http://www.transcanada.com/customerexpress/docs/ab\_ftd\_availability\_map/mapavailability.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.



#### HOW TO USE THIS REPORT - continued

#### **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.

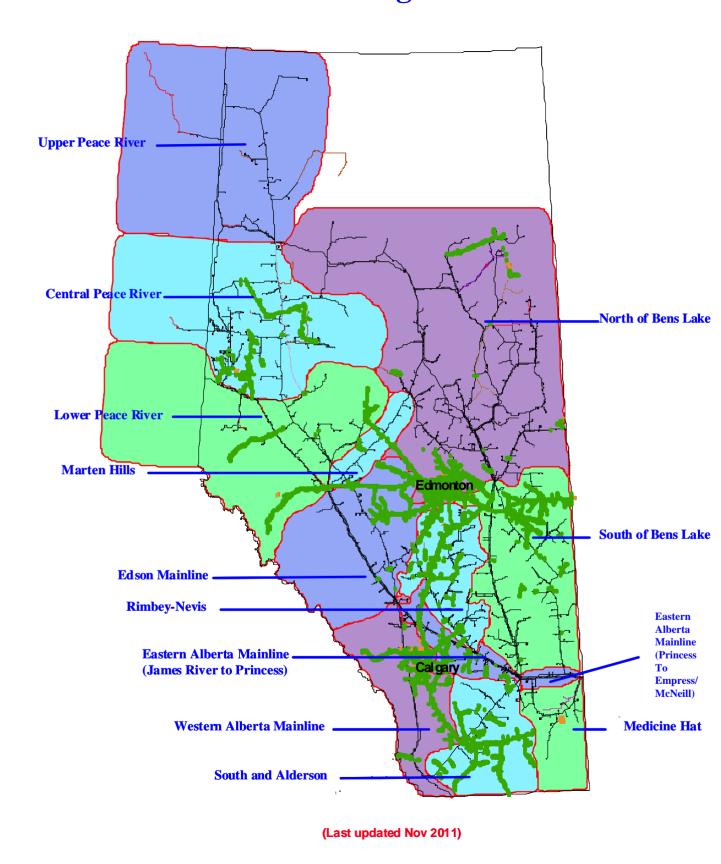
As a monthly feature the Historical Transportation Service Availability is shown as a three-month rolling average of transportation availability.

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

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

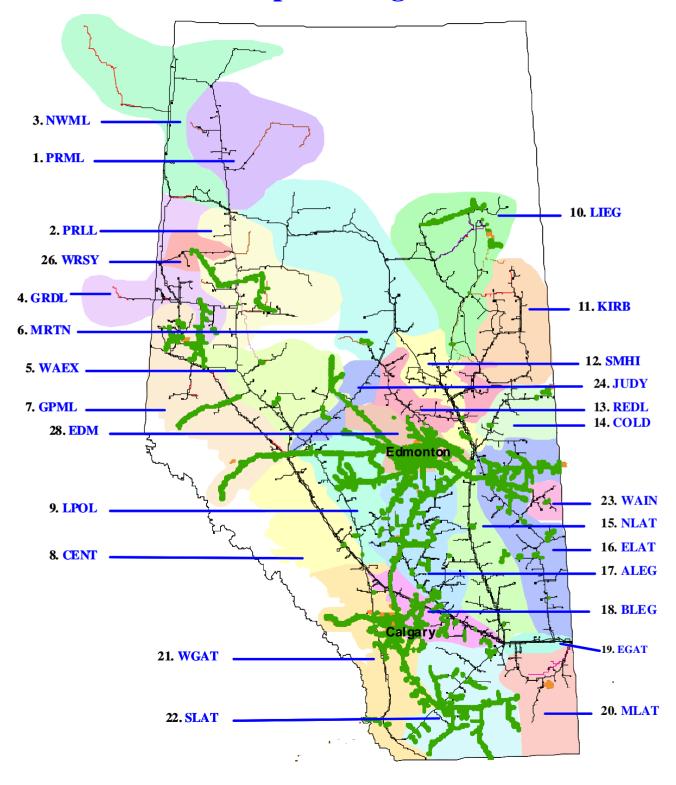


### **NGTL Design Areas**





### **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.

#### 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.

#### Other

#### System Load Factor

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

