

## CHAPTER 1 – THE ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS

### 1.1 Introduction

This chapter provides background information to the Annual Plan and gives an overview of how industry participates with NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (“NGTL”) to understand and influence the development of the Alberta System.

### 1.2 Annual Plan Scope

The December 2008 Annual Plan contains facilities requirements for the 2009/10 Gas Year commencing on November 1, 2009 and ending on October 31, 2010 (“Planning Period”).

### 1.3 Annual Plan Changes

Changes that have been incorporated in this Annual Plan include:

- Storage Assumption – Chapter 2, Section 2.6.1.4;  
The storage assumption will now be applied to all design areas where it leads to a reduction in the design flow requirement, rather than being restricted to the upstream design areas. This results in a better correlation between storage withdrawals and system peak deliveries;
- Facilities Requirements – in this Annual Plan only those Design Areas where facilities are required will be included in Chapters 4 (Design Flow Requirements and Peak Expected Flows), Chapter 5 (Mainline Facility Requirements), Appendix 2 (Design Flow Requirements) and Appendix 3 (Flow Schematics);
- Chapter 3, Figure 3.5.2, System Field Deliverability by Component, has been removed;

- Chapter 3, Section 3.7, Receipt to Delivery Comparisons, has been removed;
- Chapter 7, Capital Expenditure and Financial Forecast has been removed as financial information normally included in this Chapter is routinely available through applications and other reporting;
- Appendix 2, EUB Informational Letters have been removed as they are no longer applicable;
- Appendix 3, Criteria for Determining Primary Term has been removed as it is available in NGTL's Gas Transportation Tariff, Appendix E; and
- Appendix 7, does not contain a December 2008 System Map. An updated System Map will be available in 2009.

## **1.4 June 2008 Design Forecast**

The June 2008 design forecast of gas delivery, FS productive capability, average receipts and field deliverability was used in the preparation of this Annual Plan.

## **1.5 Industry Participation**

To facilitate a more participative and consultative role for industry participants in policy formation and system design, NGTL uses:

- committees;
- discussion papers or proposals which target specific issues;
- information circulars;
- industry presentations; and
- the Internet, including Customer Express and NrG Highway.

The Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (“TTFP”) is an important forum for reviewing Alberta System facilities plans with industry. Participation on the TTFP is open to any affected party that would directly experience implications of importance due to outcomes achieved by this committee, including facility-related decisions. The TTFP provides for the timely exchange of information among interested parties and provides a significant opportunity for parties to influence facility proposals and long-term planning. The design forecast, design flows and facility requirements were presented to the TTFP on November 18, 2008, prior to the finalization of this Annual Plan.

Periodic updates on the Alberta System expansion plans and capital program, and the impact of the plans and program on the cost of transportation, are provided to all Customers. These updates provide opportunity for Customer input. NGTL also makes presentations to other industry committees and government agencies, and offers to meet with any association or Customer on system design inquiries or any other issue. Over the last year, NGTL has participated in meetings with various Customers and a broad range of consumers, marketers, and distributors in which Alberta System facilities requirements and capital programs were discussed.