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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
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Filed Electronically

Attention: Mr. Wade Vienneau
Manager – Calgary Office, Utilities Branch

Dear Sir:

**Re: NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)
Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (TTFP)
Resolution T2005-06 – Firm Transportation-Delivery (FT-D) Service Open Season
Bid Deadline**

NGTL applies to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board) under Part 4 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. G-5, as amended, for approval of amendments to its Gas Transportation Tariff (Tariff) related to the open season process associated with FT-D Service.

On September 13, 2005, the TTFP adopted Issue T2005-06 for the purpose of reviewing and potentially changing the FT-D open season bid deadline from 1600 hours Central Clock Time (CCT) to 1100 hours CCT to align with other Alberta System export services. Issue T2005-06 was classified as routine.

On January 18, 2005, NGTL requested blanket approval to commence negotiations for 2005 on routine issues adopted by the TTFP in accordance with Board Informational Letter IL 98-4 Revised Negotiated Settlement Guidelines (*Revised Guidelines*) and the Board's letter dated August 28, 2003 regarding the application of the *Revised Guidelines* to NGTL. The Board approved NGTL's request to commence negotiations on routine issues on January 27, 2005. In addition, Board staff attended a meeting to evaluate the fairness of the negotiated settlement process related to Issue T2005-06 on September 27, 2005.

Subsequent to the adoption of Issue T2005-06, the TTFP met twice to discuss the FT-D Service Open Season bid deadline and agreed that the deadline should be changed from 1600 hours CCT to 1100 hours CCT.

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On September 27, 2005, the TTFP supported the change to the FT-D Service Open Season bid deadline through an unopposed vote on Resolution T2005-06. Pursuant to Section 10.2 of the *Revised Guidelines* a copy of Resolution T2005-06 is attached to this letter. Attached to Resolution T2005-06 is a black-lined copy of relevant pages of the Tariff illustrating the purposed amendments.

The proposed amendments will be effective the first day of the month following Board approval. NGTL respectfully requests the Board render a decision on the proposed amendments by October 27, 2005.

NGTL is notifying its shippers and members of the TTFP of the availability of this filing on TransCanada's Alberta System website at:

http://www.transcanada.com/Alberta/regulatory_info/active_rates_services_filings.html.

Please direct all notices and communications regarding this matter to Carolyn Shaw by e-mail at carolyn_shaw@transcanada.com and alberta_system@transcanada.com, or by phone at 920-7172.

Yours truly,

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.

A wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited



Céline Bélanger
Vice President, Regulatory Services

Attachment

cc: Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee
Alberta System Shippers

**TTFP Resolution T2005-06
FT-D Open Season Bid Deadline**

Tolls, Tariff, Facilities & Procedures Committee

Resolution T2005-06: FT-D Open Season Bid Deadline

Resolution

The Tolls, Tariff, Facilities & Procedures Committee (TTFP) agrees to change the FT-D open season bid deadline from 1600 hours Central Clock Time (CCT) to 1100 hours CCT on the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) System.

Background

The TTFP adopted Issue T2005-04 on May 10, 2005 for the purpose of reviewing the service attributes of Short Term Firm Service (STFT) and Winter Firm Service (FT-DW). Changes to the attributes of the services, along with the open season process were supported through Resolution T2005-04 on September 13, 2005. The open season bid deadline for the STFT and FT-DW open season will be 1100 hours CCT. This enhances the customers' ability to conclude business transactions on the day of the bid deadline, particularly on the daily open season for STFT capacity.

The current deadline for the FT-D open season and FT-D daily open season is 1600 hours CCT. During Seasonal Services Review Task Force (SSRTF) discussions, NGTL proposed changing the bid deadline for FT-D to 1100 hours CCT to align with STFT and FT-DW, however, it was determined that this proposal was outside the scope of the SSRTF and should be addressed as a separate Issue.

Next Steps

NGTL will file Tariff amendments with the Alberta Energy & Utilities Board (EUB) requesting approval of the change to the FT-D open season bid deadline from 1600 hours CCT to 1100 hours CCT. Upon approval by the EUB, NGTL plans to implement the changes on the first day of the month following approval and will post the amended Tariff to TransCanada's web site.

**Attachment to TTFP Resolution T2005-06
Proposed Tariff Amendments
Blacklined**

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- (b) The requested term of Service, as established by the requested Service Commencement Date and requested Service Termination Date, each set out on the Open Season Bid Form, shall be a minimum term of one year;
- (c) All bids shall be irrevocable and must be received by Company by 1611:00 hours CCT on the Closing Date;
- (d) Within 2 Banking Days of the Closing Date, prospective customers shall provide to Company for each Open Season Bid Form, a deposit equal to the lesser of:
- (i) one month demand charges for the Export Delivery Contract Demand set out on the Open Season Bid Form; or
 - (ii) \$10,000.

The deposit shall be refunded to unsuccessful bidders within 5 Banking Days from the date the Service Agreements and Schedules of Service under Rate Schedule FT-D are executed for all Existing Capacity posted in the Existing Capacity Open Season.

If Company awards Existing Capacity to a prospective customer and such customer executes the Service Agreement and Schedule of Service under Rate Schedule FT-D for such Existing Capacity, the deposit will be credited to the bill for the first month of Service or returned to the Customer if requested;

- (e) A prospective customer and/or its affiliate, either together or individually, shall not submit an Open Season Bid Form for a quantity greater than the Existing Capacity being offered or submit multiple bids where the aggregate Export Delivery Contract Demand of the multiple bids exceeds the Existing Capacity being offered; and
- (f) Company shall not be obligated to accept any bid if:

If, at any time, Company determines that it will hold an Existing Capacity Open Season pursuant to paragraph 2.1 or an Expansion Capacity Open Season pursuant to paragraph 3.1, Company may reduce all or a portion of the Existing Capacity available for the Daily Open Season. Company shall provide notice on its website, at least 3 Banking Days in advance, of any such reduction. If all Existing Capacity has not been awarded pursuant to 2.6.3, Company may offer any remaining Existing Capacity as Expansion Capacity pursuant to paragraph 3.1.

2.6.2 Daily Open Season Bid Process

If Company posts Existing Capacity pursuant to subparagraph 2.6.1, prospective customers may bid for such Existing Capacity on the day that the Existing Capacity is posted or deemed to be re-posted as follows:

- (a) Prospective customers shall submit a completed and unedited bid form, in the form set out in article 7.0 (the “Daily Open Season Bid Form”);
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- (e) A prospective customer and/or its affiliate, either together or individually, shall not submit a Daily Open Season Bid Form for a quantity greater than the Existing Capacity being offered or submit multiple bids where the

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- (b) The requested term of Service, as established by the Service Commencement Date and the requested Service Termination Date, each set out in the Open Season Bid Form, shall be a minimum term of 10 years;
- (c) All bids shall be irrevocable and must be received by Company by 16:00 hours CCT on the Expansion Closing Date;
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- (e) Company shall not be obligated to accept any bid if:
- (i) the Service Commencement Date is different from the date such Expansion Capacity may be available, as set out by Company in subparagraph 3.1(a); and
 - (ii) the prospective customer has not met the criteria set forth in article 3.0.

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Proposed Tariff Amendments
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