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Ms. Céline Bélanger
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Dear Ms. Bélanger:

APPLICATION NO. 1430896
NOVA GAS TRANSMISSION LTD. (NGTL)
ALTERNATE ACCESS PILOT PROCEDURE

NGTL's letter, dated November 22, 2005, advising the Board of NGTL's plans to address the future of the existing Alternate Access Pilot Procedure, is accepted as a filing for information.

The Board notes that on April 19, 2005, NGTL filed with the EUB the Tolls, Tariff, Facilities and Procedures Committee (TTFP) Resolution T2003-10 – Alternate Access Review. This Resolution, supported by the TTFP, stated that the TTFP was unable to reach consensus on the future of the Alternate Access Pilot and that this attribute of firm delivery service would remain a pilot until further notice.

In a letter dated April 27, 2005, the Board responded that it was reluctant to accept the continuation of a pilot that was initially implemented in 1997, and that was not included in the tariff, for an indefinite period. Additionally, the Board noted that not all shippers were members of the TTFP, thus the Board was concerned about the transparency of this service. Therefore, the Board directed NGTL to review Alternate Access by December 31, 2005, and assess whether this pilot should be terminated if a consensus of its use could not be met, or whether this attribute should be added to the tariff.

NGTL submitted that while many customers valued the service flexibility provided by Alternate Access, there were some issues and concerns with the current pilot and therefore NGTL submitted that it was not appropriate to incorporate the current Alternate Access Pilot in the tariff at this time. NGTL expected that the issues could still be resolved through a collaborative process with stakeholders. NGTL further submitted that in previous discussion with stakeholders, NGTL had committed to providing one year's notice to customers before discontinuing the Alternate Access pilot. During this time, NGTL proposed that it continue to work with industry on the resolution of the issues and the development of a suitable approach to the provision of Alternate Access on a more permanent basis.

As per its April 27, 2005 letter, the Board directs NGTL to continue to review the issues and concerns associated with the Alternate Access Pilot, in order to assess whether a suitable approach to the provision of Alternate Access can be developed and incorporated into the tariff, or whether this attribute should be terminated effective December 31, 2006, if a consensus through the collaborative process is not achieved.

Yours truly,

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