

Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
APPLICATION NO. 1547072
NOVA GAS TRANSMISSION LTD. (NGTL)
2008 INTERIM RATES, TOLLS, AND CHARGES**

Take Notice that NGTL applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board or EUB) on November 20, 2007 (the Application) under Division 3 of the *Public Utilities Board Act*, and under Parts 4 and 5 of the *Gas Utilities Act*, for approval of interim rates, tolls, and charges for services on the Alberta System, effective January 1, 2008 (2008 Interim Rates).

Nature of the Application

At the time of the Application, NGTL provided services under 2007 final rates, tolls and charges approved by the Board in Order U2007-76 (2007 Final Rates). The 2007 Final Rates were effective until December 31, 2007.

In Decision 2005-057, the Board approved the 2005-2007 Revenue Requirement Settlement (the Settlement), which provided for the determination of interim and final rates, tolls and charges for the period of the Settlement. Each year's revenue requirement was calculated based on certain costs fixed pursuant to the Settlement and a forecast of remaining costs that would flow through, adjusted for appropriate deferral account balances. This forecast revenue requirement, together with a forecast of firm transportation contract demand quantity and throughput, was used to calculate rates using the approved rate design in place at the time (EUB Decision 2006-010).

NGTL's proposed 2008 Interim Rates were based on:

- the 2007 final revenue requirement of \$1,159.5 million, adjusted for deferral account balances, determined in accordance with the Settlement;
- forecast 2008 contract demand quantities and throughput; and
- an illustrative rate calculation (Attachment C to the Application) which used the rate design approved by the Board in Decision 2006-010.

The proposed 2008 average interim rates for FT-R and FT-D services were \$0.155/Mcf and the proposed 2008 average interim export rate was \$0.31/Mcf. These rates are approximately 6.9% higher than the 2007 average annual rates.

Additional Information

Copies of Application No 1547072 are available for viewing through the IAR Query link on the Applications page of the EUB web site www.EUB.ca or by clicking on the following link:
https://www3.eub.gov.ab.ca/eub/dds/iar_query/ApplicationAttachments.aspx?AppNumber=1547072

To obtain additional information contact:

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To File an Objection

Any party with concerns respecting Application No. 1547072 should submit a Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) letter setting out your name or organization name, address or legal land description, telephone number and e-mail address (if available).

Parties should submit their Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) and any comments regarding NGTL's interim rates by **December 5, 2007**.

Please note that the SIP submission must contain:

- a description of the nature of the party's interest in the proceeding (i.e. how the party will be affected by the Board's decision); and
- a statement describing the party's eligibility for cost recovery in light of the "business interest" rule contained in Section 55(2)(h.1) of the EUB *Rules of Practice*.

If you are represented by another party, please include the contact information for your representative. If you are a group, provide a contact person for the group and give details on the group members.

One copy of your SIP letter should be directed to the applicant using the contact information above and one copy submitted to the EUB.

Pursuant to Section 12 of the EUB *Rules of Practice*, all documents filed in respect of this proceeding, including any submissions or other documents filed prior to the commencement of the proceeding must be placed on the public record unless otherwise ordered by the Board subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Your SIP letter and any other documents you file will be accessible to the public and all other participants in the proceeding through the EUB's Website. Please ensure that the document you file is free of information that you do not want to appear on a public record.

If a party wishes to keep any information in a document confidential, the party may, before filing the document, make a Request for Confidentiality to the Lead Application Officer. The party must also serve a paper copy of the request to the Applicant. The Request for Confidentiality must comply with Section 12 of the EUB *Rules of Practice*, including that it must be in writing, briefly describe the nature of the information in the document, set out the reasons for the request including the specific harm that would result if the document were placed on the public record, and indicate whether all or only a part of the document is the subject of the request. The Board will issue a decision on the confidentiality request as soon as is practical.

Electronic copies of the SIP letters can be directed to:

E-mail: EUB.UTL@eub.ca
Subject: Application 1547072

The EUB may grant the application without further process if no bona fide objections are filed by persons or organizations considered by the EUB to be directly or adversely affected by the proposal.

Schedule and Process

The Board has set the following schedule to deal with this Application:

<u>Process Step</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
Registration of SIP	
Intervener comments on Process	December 5, 2007
Intervener comments on NGTL's Interim Rates Application	
Reply Comments from NGTL	December 10, 2007

Parties should submit their Statement of Intent to Participate (SIP) and any comments regarding NGTL's interim rates by **December 5, 2007**. NGTL is directed to file any response to intervener comments by **December 10, 2007**.

If any party has any objections regarding the Board's process schedule, please include your submission with your SIP.

For information about EUB procedures, contact the EUB Lead Application Officer at:

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ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
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