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The period covered in this Regulatory Agenda is the month of December 2005

### **Public Hearing Applications**

#### **Hearings in Progress**

1. Coral Energy Canada Inc. (Coral) - TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) Firm Transportation Risk Alleviation Mechanism (FT-RAM) (File ATT-ATC-TCP23)

The Board is holding a written public hearing on an application by Coral to modify the FT-RAM. FT-RAM is a transportation service enhancement being provided on a pilot basis by TCPL to its long-haul firm transportation (FT) shippers.

TCPL currently provides FT-RAM to FT long-haul shippers as a service enhancement which mitigates unabsorbed FT demand charges in an effort to attract and retain long-haul FT contracts on TCPL's main pipeline. Coral is proposing that the service be expanded to include certain short-haul contracts in circumstances where a shipper holds a long-haul FT contract which delivers to the same location as the receipt point of the short-haul FT contract.

2. Centra Transmission Holdings Inc. (Centra) -Tolls - RHW-3-2005 (File 4200-C293-1)

The Board is holding a written public hearing on an application by Centra to change the tolls charged for transportation service on its pipeline system.

Centra owns a 97 kilometre pipeline in Manitoba between Winnipeg and Sprague, and a 90 kilometre pipeline in Ontario between Fort Frances and Rainy River. Centra sells natural gas to large users and distributors in Canada as well as to Centra Minnesota in the United States.

#### **Hearings Scheduled**

1. Chevron Canada Limited (Chevron Canada) and Chevron Standard Limited. Neste Canada Inc. and Chevron Canada Limited (Chevron/Neste) - Priority Destination - MH-2-2005 (Files 4755-T099-3 and 4755-T099-4)

The Board will hold a public hearing, at a date and location to be announced at a later date, on two applications for orders designating Chevron Canada's refinery at Burnaby, British Columbia to be a priority destination for the unapportioned delivery of crude oil and isooctane on Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc.'s pipeline system. The first application is for delivery of crude oil by Chevron Canada, and the second application is for delivery of isooctane by Chevron/Neste.

#### In This Issue

#### **Preface**

The purpose of this agenda is to provide information on the Board's activities. Except where otherwise noted, jurisdiction over the items listed in the agenda is exercised pursuant to the National Energy Board Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-7, as amended.

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2. Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (Imperial), Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Limited Partnership, ConocoPhillips (North) Limited, Shell Canada Limited and ExxonMobil Canada Properties - Mackenzie Gas Project (Files PA-IOR 2004-001, FacPipe IRL MGS-4, FieldOp IRL Taglu-07, FieldOp CPN Parson-07 and FieldOp SCL Niglintgak-07)

The Board will commence the public hearing on 25 January 2006 in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. The Board will be holding its hearing in 12 communities in the NWT and one community in Alberta. The Board anticipates that the hearing will be completed in December 2006. The full schedule for the hearing is available on the Board's Web site. The full hearing schedule for both the Joint Review Panel and the Board is available on the Web site of the Northern Gas Project Secretariat at www.ngps.nt.ca.

The Mackenzie Gas Project includes a pipeline to transport natural gas to northern Alberta, a pipeline to transport natural gas liquids to Norman Wells, N.W.T., three onshore natural gas fields, a gathering system to transport production from the three fields, and a processing facility in the Inuvik, N.W.T. area where natural gas liquids would be separated from the natural gas for shipping. Other related facilities include compressor stations and a heater station.

#### **Hearing Applications Filed**

1. Sea Breeze Victoria Converter Corporation (Sea Breeze) - Construct an International Power Line (IPL) from Victoria, B.C. to Port Angeles, Washington (File AFIPL-SBC-01)

The Board has received an application from Sea Breeze to construct and operate a 150 kilovolt high voltage direct current IPL. The IPL would extend a distance of approximately 47 kilometres southward from the Town of View Royal, British Columbia to a point on the international boundary in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and from there to a point near Port Angeles, Washington. Approximately 12 kilometres will be onshore and the remainder in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Sea Breeze also proposes to construct a converter station near existing substations on Vancouver Island. Commencement of construction of the proposed IPL is planned for November 2006.

It is anticipated that a hearing order establishing the procedures to be followed in the public hearing and the process for the public to participate in the hearing will be forthcoming from the Board early in 2006. It is also anticipated that the Board will conduct at least one public information session on its processes. The date and time of the information session(s) will be announced in local newspapers.

2. Montana Alberta Tie Ltd. (MATL) - Construct an International Power Line (IPL) from Lethbridge, Alberta to Great Falls, Montana (File AFIPL-MAT-01)

On 21 December 2005, MATL filed an application for approval to construct a 326 kilometre 230 kilovolt alternate current IPL from Lethbridge, Alberta to Great Falls, Montana. Approximately 123 kilometres of the IPL would be in Canada. MATL also proposes to construct a new 230 kilovolt substation and a phase shifting transformer to control the direction of the flow of power near Lethbridge. The proposed IPL would be capable of transferring up to 300 megawatts of power in either direction. The proposed in-service date of the IPL is December 2006.

#### **Proposed Hearing Applications**

1. Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc. (Terasen) - TMX Anchor Loop (File 3200-T099-1)

On 27 September 2005, Terasen filed a project description of a proposal to loop a portion of its existing Trans Mountain oil pipeline system. This project, referred to as the TMX Anchor Loop, involves the construction of 158 kilometres of pipeline between a location west of Hinton, Alberta to a location near Jackman Hill, British Columbia. The proposed TMX Anchor Loop would also include the installation of new pump stations at Wolf, Alberta and Chappel, British Columbia.

On 16 November 2005, Terasen filed and Environmental Assessment Report in accordance with the *Scope and Requirements of the Environmental Assessment for the Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc. TMX Anchor Loop Project* issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on 27 October 2005.

Pending regulatory approvals, construction of the TMX Anchor Loop is scheduled to begin in mid-2007 with completion in the third quarter of 2008. Terasen expects to submit regulatory applications in 2006.

## 2. Gateway Pipeline Inc. (Gateway) - Preliminary Information Package (File ATT-TTC-ENB 02)

On 2 November 2005, Gateway Pipeline Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Enbridge Inc., filed a Preliminary Information Package (PIP) with the Board, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and other federal departments. The PIP provides detailed information on the major elements of the Gateway Project as of October 2005. It is intended to inform potentially interested parties, and to permit federal regulators to define the regulatory review process to satisfy the requirements of the Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The Gateway Project will consist of a petroleum export pipeline and a condensate import pipeline along the same right-of-way, and a marine terminal. The proposed Petroleum Export Pipeline project would involve a new 1 150 kilometre 30 inch diameter pipeline with an initial capacity of approximately 400 000 barrels per day to transport petroleum from Edmonton, Alberta to Kitimat, British Columbia. The proposed Condensate Import Pipeline would be a 20 inch diameter pipeline capable of transporting approximately 150 000 barrels per day from Kitimat to Edmonton. The proposed in-service date is the year 2010 and the estimated cost is \$4 billion.

### **Non-Public Hearing Applications**

#### **Electricity Matters**

1. Electricity Filing Manual for Facilities Applications - (File 2200-A000-7)

The Board is in the process of developing an electricity filing manual which outlines the information applicants need to provide to the Board when filing an electricity facility application for an international power line. Specifically, this manual is a tool to assist applicants who apply for an election certificate where federal laws rather than provincial laws apply. For permit applications, the manual would go beyond what is currently required but can still assist applicants where portions of the manual are relevant to their application.

On 22 December 2005, the Board sought comments from interested parties on the Filing Manual.

#### **Matter Completed**

2. SILVERHILL LTD. (SILVERHILL) - Electricity Export (File AE-P-SHL 01)

On 23 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 24 October 2005 from SILVERHILL for permits to export up to 500 megawatts of firm power and 4 380 gigawatthours of combined firm and interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

#### **Matters under Consideration**

3. NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (NES) - Electricity Export (File AE-P-NPS 01)

On 10 November 2005, NES applied for permits to export up to 1 000 megawatts of power and up to 8 760 gigawatt hours of combined firm and interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

4. First Commodities International Inc. (FCII)
- Electricity Export (File AE-P-FCI 01)

On 17 November 2005, FCII applied for a permit to export up to 600 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

5. Ontario Power Generation Inc. and Ontario Energy Trading International Corp. (Applicants) - Electricity Export (File AE-OPG-01)

On 22 December 2005, the Applicants applied for permits to export up to 12 000 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years. The application, in part, represents a renewal of existing Export Permit EPE-21 which will expire on 30 June 2006.

#### **Frontier Matters**

#### **Matters Completed**

#### 1. Devon ARL Corporation - Drill a Well

On 3 December 2005, Devon was given approval to drill the Paktoa C-60 well pursuant to section 83.(1) of the *Canada Oil and Gas Drilling Regulations* (COGDR). Devon was also given approval for its Paktoa Drilling Program pursuant to paragraph 5.(1)(b) of the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act.

#### 2. Husky Oil Operations Ltd. - Drill a Well

On 21 December 2005, Husky was given approval to drill the Summit Creek K-44 and Stewart D-57 wells pursuant to section 83.(1) of the COGDR.

## 3. Geological, geophysical or geotechnical operations

Two applications were approved pursuant to section 5.1*(b) of the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act.* 

Company	Area	Operation ID	Date
Chevron Canada Ltd.	Mackenzie Delta NWT	9329-C143- 020E	15 December 2005
Explor Data Ltd	Mainland NWT	9229-E034- 013E	22 December 2005

#### **Matter under Consideration**

## 4. Encana Corporation - Declaration of Significant Discovery

On 19 December 2005, Encana filed an application for a Declaration of Significant Discovery pursuant to section 28 of the *Canada Petroleum Resources Act* in respect of the Encana et al Umiak N-05 well, Exploration License 384 and the following applied-for lands:

Latitude	Longitude	Sections
69 <sup>o</sup> 30' N	134 <sup>o</sup> 00' W	55, 56, 57
69 <sup>o</sup> 30' N	134 <sup>o</sup> 15' W	5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 34, 35

Encana also filed an application for a Declaration of Significant Discovery in respect of the Encana et al Umiak N-16 well, Exploration License 384 and the following applied-for lands:

Latitude	Longitude	Sections
69 <sup>o</sup> 30' N	134 <sup>o</sup> 00' W	47, 48, 55-58
69° 30' N	134 <sup>o</sup> 15' W	4-8, 13-18, 23- 28, 33-37, 43-46, 53-55

#### **Pipeline Matters**

#### **Matters Completed**

## 1. Safety Advisory NEB SA 2005-03 (File 9700-A000-1-30)

On 23 December 2005, the Board issued the above Safety Advisory regarding the hazards associated with the possible ramifications of a programmable logic controller (PLC) failure. In October 2005, the PLC controlling a compressor unit failed. Immediately after the failure, the suction and discharge valves closed, but the electric motor for the unit continued to operate and went into surge. This resulted in excessive vibration of the piping, severing a two inch load and purge line at the flange connection outside the compressor building. Approximately 25 minutes after the PLC failure, the motor experienced an explosion. The venting of gas from the two inch pipe and the subsequent explosion caused considerable damage to the facility.

The Safety Advisory directs that breaker operations should be tested regularly to ensure breakers function appropriately for all foreseeable failure modes including PLC failure.

#### 2. Nexen Inc. - Construct the Cuthbert Gas Pipeline (File AFP-NXI 2005 001)

On 2 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 7 October 2005 from Nexen Inc. to construct a 1.3 kilometre natural gas pipeline commencing at an existing Nexen well site located at LSD 16-24-26-1 W4M in Alberta and ending at a pipeline header tie-in located at LSD 15-21-26-29 W3M in Saskatchewan. The pipeline will cross the border south of Alsask, Saskatchewan and west of Oyen, Alberta. The proposed in-service date of the pipeline is January 2006 and the estimated cost is \$357,000.

## 3. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Les Cèdres Loop (File 3400-T001-238)

On 2 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 28 February 2005 from TCPL to construct 21.3 kilometres of pipeline loop from mainline valve 147A in the Municipality of Saint-Télesphore, Quebec to mainline valve 148 in the Municipality of Les Cèdres, Quebec (Les Cèdres Loop). Les Cèdres Loop, together with the capacity provided by the existing mainline facilities, will enable TCPL to transport the natural gas required for a new gas-fired cogeneration plant being constructed at Bécancour, Quebec. The proposed in-service date is November 2006 and the estimated cost is \$44.1 million.

#### 4. Section 58 Applications

The Board has approved applications under Section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act* involving routine pipeline facilities or the construction of pipelines not exceeding 40 kilometres in length. See Appendix I.

#### **Matters Pending**

#### 5. Enermark Inc. - Construct the Shekilie Gas Pipeline (File AFP-PA-EN1 2005-001)

On 30 November 2005, Enermark Inc. applied for approval to construct approximately 2.1 kilometres of sweet gas pipeline from a future gas plant facility to be located at a-33-A/94-I-16 in British Columbia to a proposed regulator station at 13-32-1112-12 W6M in Alberta. The construction is proposed to commence on 20 February 2006 and the proposed in-service date is 15 March 2006. The estimated cost of the pipeline is \$396 670.

#### 6. Marauder Resources West Coast Inc. (Marauder) - Ladyfern Gas Pipeline Project (File PA-MRW 2005-001)

On 16 December 2005, Marauder applied for approval to construct approximately 5.5 kilometres of natural gas pipeline from a riser adjacent to a proposed Marauder Talisman well site located at 10-27-93-13 W6M in Alberta and ending at a tie-in point adjacent to the existing EnCana Corporation well site located at a-36-H/94-H-1 in British Columbia. Construction of the pipeline would commence during the winter of 2005/2006 and the proposed in-service date is early in the second quarter of 2006. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.7 million.

## 7. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Deux Rivières and Stittsville Loops (File 3400-T001-249)

On 16 September 2005, TCPL applied for approval to construct 37.8 kilometres of 1064 millimetre (42 inch) pipeline loops on its North Bay Shortcut in two sections, as follows:

- 18.1 km from MLV 1205 + 11.6 km to MLV 1 206 (the "Deux Rivières Loop")
- 19.7 km from MLV 1216 + 10.3 km to MLV 1217 (the "Stittsville Loop").

The proposed facilities, together with the capacity provided by the existing Mainline facilities, and by the Les Cèdres Loop proposed in TCPL's application dated 28 February 2005, will be needed to transport its forecasted total requirements for the Montreal Line and North Bay Shortcut for the operating year commencing 1 November 2006. TCPL plans to begin construction in July 2006. The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$99.3 million.

#### Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs Matters

#### **Matters Completed**

1. Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (Foothills)
- 2006 Rates and Charges (File 4200-F006-9)

On 21 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 1 December 2005 from Foothills for approval of rates and charges, effective on 1 January 2006, for transportation service on Zones 6, 7, 8 and 9 and amendments to the Tariff and Subsidiary Companies Tariffs of Foothills Pipe Lines (Alta) Ltd., Foothills Pipe Lines (Sask) Ltd. and Foothills Pipe Lines (South B.C.) Ltd.

#### 2. Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc. (Terasen) - 2006 Interim Tolls (File TT-IT-TTM 01)

On 22 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 20 December 2005 from Terasen for approval of 2006 interim Petroleum Tariff No. 59 and Refined Petroleum Tariff No. RP 27 effective 1 January 2006. Terasen and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers have reached a tentative agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding for a five year Incentive Toll Settlement for the period of 2006 through 2010. Terasen anticipates that the financial aspects of the agreement will be filed with the Board for approval in the first quarter of 2006.

## 3. Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) - 2006 Interim Tolls (File ATT-AIT-TQM 10)

On 21 December 2005, the Board approved an application dated 8 December 2005 from TQM requesting that the transportation tolls approved for the Test Year 2005 be declared as interim tolls as of 1 January 2006. On 5 October 2005, the Board approved for the 2005 Test Year transportation tolls for a net revenue requirement of \$86,481,000.

## 4. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Resolutions of the 2005 Toll Task Force (Files ATT-ATC-TCP 25 and ATT-ATC-TCP 26)

On 2, 13 and 29 December 2005, the Board approved the resolutions described below.

Resolution No.	Subject
21.2005	2006 interim tolls. Purpose - to establish new tolls effective 1 January 2006 on an interim basis pending the filing and the Board's disposition of TCPL's 2006 Tolls and Tariff Application.
23.2005	Amendments to sub-section XXII(8) of the General Terms and Conditions of TCPL's Mainline Tariff concerning Energy Imbalance Recovery. Purpose - to update the procedures and provisions related to Energy Imbalance Recovery.
24.2005	Amendments to the Transportation Access Procedures of TCPL's Mainline Tariff. Purpose - to change the bidding procedure for Daily Open Seasons.
25.2005	Approval of Energy Deficient Gas Allowance (EDGA) Service. Purpose - new service that will allow the TCPL Mainline to receive gas that has a gross heating value that is lower than the value specified in TCPL's General Terms and Conditions.

#### **Matters Pending**

## 5. Enbridge Pipeline Inc. (Enbridge) - Negotiated Toll Settlement (File TT-IT-ENB 08)

On 19 December 2005, Enbridge applied for approval of a toll settlement negotiated with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. The agreed upon methodology is expected to form the basis for the calculation of Enbridge's revenue requirements and the resulting tolls for the years 2005-2009 inclusive. On 22 December 2005, the Board decided to seek comments from interested parties on the application.

## 6. TransCanada PipeLines Limited B.C. System (TCPL) - Short Term Firm Service (STFS) Amendment Application (File ATT-ATC-TCB 02)

On 2 November 2005, TCPL applied for an order or orders approving pricing and other service attribute modifications to STFS-1 on the B.C. System and associated amendments to the Gas Transportation Service Documents (GTSD) to be effective 1 January 2006. On 15 November 2005, the Board decided to seek comments from interested parties on the application.

On 21 December 2005, the Board approved, on an interim basis, an application dated 1 December 2005 from TCPL for rates and charges and amendments to the GTSD effective 1 January 2006.

## 7. Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Interim and Final Tolls, 1 January to 31 December 2006 (File ATT-AFT-WEI 19)

On 16 and 28 December 2005, the Board approved interim tolls effective 1 January 2006.

On 28 November 2005, WEI applied for approval of interim and final tolls for its mainline transmission services to be in effect for a one-year period commencing 1 January 2006. With respect to the interim transmission tolls to be in effect 1 January 2006, Westcoast has reached agreement with respect to the level of such tolls with its Toll and Tariff Task Force (TTTF).

The proposed interim tolls have been agreed to without prejudice to any position that WEI or the members of the TTTF may advance in the 2006 Toll Application. WEI intends to engage in discussions with its stakeholders in an attempt to reach a negotiated settlement of its final 2006 tolls. WEI anticipates that it will be in a position to update the Board on the progress of these discussions early in 2006. WEI requested that the Board delay establishing a procedure to deal with the toll Application until after WEI has discussed process requirements with its stakeholders.

### **Appeal**

#### **Appeal Pending**

1. Flint Hill Resources - Application for Leave to Appeal - RH-1-2005

Flint Hill Resources applied to the Federal Court of Appeal for leave to appeal the Board's decision of 28 April 2005 in which it approved two applications from Enbridge Pipelines Inc. to recover, in its Canadian pipeline tolls, US\$20 million per year for five years related to the extension of service on the Spearhead Pipeline which runs from Chicago, Illinois to Cushing, Oklahoma and an initiative by Mobil Pipe Line Company to reverse the flow of its pipeline which runs from Patoka, Illinois to Corsicana, Texas.

### **Amendments to Regulations**

#### Regulatory Initiatives Pursuant to the National Energy Board Act

1. Proposed Amendments to the Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999 (OPR-99) and the National Energy Board Processing Plant Regulations (PPR)

The Board intends to amend the above regulations to require companies under it's jurisdiction to develop and implement a pipeline security management program. As an interim step, prior to the promulgation of amendments to these regulations, the Board provided companies with a Notice of Proposed Regulatory Change (NOPRC). The NOPRC describes the proposed changes to the regulations. Once all of the comments are received regarding the NOPRC, the Board will release a Proposed Regulatory Change (PRC). The PRC will form a basis for the Board's interim pipeline security management expectations prior to any changes regarding security to the OPR-99 or PPR.

## 2. Cost Recovery Regulations - Electricity - Review (File 175-A000-72-2)

The Board is reviewing the *National Energy Board Cost Recovery Regulations* as they relate to the allocation of costs within the electricity industry. This decision was made following a request from some of the stakeholders. As part of the review, the Board held workshops on 9 December 2004 in Calgary and on 2 June 2005 in Montréal. The Board will hold a meeting with interested parties on 16 January 2006 in Toronto on the process of defining the cost recovery concept to incorporate the various legislative requirements relevant to the Board.

## 3. National Energy Board Damage Prevention Regulations

On 7 February 2005, the Board informed interested parties that it has completed the initial development phase of the above-noted Regulations. The Regulations have been submitted to the Department of Justice for review and analysis prior to pre-publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part 1. The Draft Regulations dated October 2004 are available on the Board's Web site under *Acts and Regulations*.

## Regulatory Initiatives Pursuant to the Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act

4. Goal-oriented Drilling and Production Regulations (D&PR)

On 11 April 2005, the Board, on behalf of several other federal and provincial agencies, sought comments from interested parties on a draft of the D&PR.

The D&PR project is an initiative of the Board, Natural Resources Canada, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. These agencies all have some form of direct regulatory responsibility for companies involved in the drilling for, and production of, oil and gas in Canada's frontier areas (i.e. Northwest Territories, Nunavut and offshore), including those governed under the *Offshore Accord Acts.* 

The intent of the current project is to have goal-oriented D&PR in force by approximately the end of 2006. The goal-oriented D&PR project will build on draft D&PR that were developed as part of a previous project in 2000; however, several circumstances combined to delay the previous project and prevent those draft D&PR from coming into force.

### 5. Canada Oil and Gas Diving Regulations and Guidance Notes

For more information on this matter, refer to item 4 under *Amendments to Regulations and Rules* in the May 2001 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

#### 6. The Canada Oil and Gas Geophysical Operations Regulations

For more information on this matter, refer to item 6 under *Amendments to Regulations* in the October 2004 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

#### **Administrative Matters**

#### Presentation

Presentation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on 24 February 2005 by Robert Steedman, Chief Environment Officer, entitled *References to Climate Change Issues and Canada's Commitment to the Kyoto Protocol in National Energy Board Regulatory Decisions*, 1994-2005.

#### Focus on Safety and Environment -A Comparative Analysis of Pipeline Performance 2000-2004

The Board expects to release in February its fourth annual report on the safety, integrity and environmental performance of pipelines regulated by the Board compared to the performance reported by other similar organizations.

## Scheduled Energy Market Assessments (EMA) for 2006

#### 1. Renewable and Alternative Sources of Power

This EMA will address alternative and renewable technologies. Interest in alternative and renewable technologies, such as fuel cells, solar cells, wind, biomass, small-hydro and "clean coal," as credible supplemental energy sources continue to grow in Canada. Demand reduction (or demand response) programs may also be considered an energy source. The report is expected to be released in February 2006.

#### 2. Conventional Natural Gas Resources of British Columbia: An Assessment of Ultimate Potential

The NEB and the British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines will be assessing the ultimate potential of conventional natural gas resources of British Columbia. The report is expected to be released in March 2006.

## 3. Natural Gas for Power Generation: Issues and Implications

This EMA will examine the fastest growing segment of the North American natural gas market with emphasis on Canada. It would provide an outlook for future demand and related issues/implications for transportation services, storage and gas prices. The report is expected to be released in June 2006.

#### **Instructions for Filing**

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## **Appendix I**

### **Section 58 Applications**

#### **Gas Pipelines**

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
TransCanada Pipe- Lines Limited	File: 3400-T001-238 Order: XG-T001-40-2005	Application dated 28 February 2005; approved on 2 December 2005. Construct a 21.3 kilometre loop in Quebec called Les Cèdres Loop.	44 100 000
Nexen Inc.	File: AFP-NXI 2005 01 Order: XG-N085-41-2005	Application dated 7 October 2005; approved on 2 December 2005. Construct the Cuthbert Pipeline, a 1.3 kilometre gas pipeline from Alberta to Saskatchewan.	357 000

#### Oil Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	File: 3400-E101-72 Order: XO-E101-16-2005	Application dated 16 November 2005; approved on 15 December 2005. Construct transfer facilities at the Edmonton Terminal.	11 500 000

## **Appendix II**Other Filings

Company	Date	Filing
TransCanada PipeLines Limited, B.C. System	1 December	File ATT-AFT-TCB 01 - Statement of Rates and Charges effective 1 January 2006 and amendments to the Gas Transportation Service Documents.
Enbridge Pipelines (NW) Inc	1 December	File ATT-TTC-ENB 01 - 2006 Estimate of Full Cost of Service and Tariff NEB No. 34.
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd.	6 December	File ATT-QSR-MNP 2005 03 - Quarterly Surveillance Report for the period ending 30 September 2005.
Terasen Pipelines (Trans Mountain) Inc.	7 December	File AFP-NOMA-2005-TTM 06 - Notification of Maintenance Work - Sumas Leak Site Replacement of Inclinometer Casing(s).
Westcoast Energy Inc.	7 December	File AFMSA-WEI 2005 04 - Notification of Operations and Maintenance Activities - Replacement of approximately 460 metres of the buried 30-inch Mainline and 36-inch Loop with an aerial crossing at the White Rock Crossing of the Pine River.
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	9 December	Files 4775-T001-1-21 and 4775-T001-1-2005 - Review reports of the Firm Transportation Risk Alleviation Mechanism Pilot Program dated January and June 2005.
Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	12 December	File IT-ENB 1 - Extension of the interim tolls approved for transportation service on Line 9 to 31 March 2006.
Westcoast Energy Inc.	12 December	File AFT-WEI 18 - Firm Service Enhancements in Zones 3 and 4 - Amendments to the General Terms and Conditions necessary to implement the Board's decision in RHW-1-2005.
Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.	12 December	File TT-TTC-PMC 01 - Bodo Pipelines System Petroleum Toll Schedule effective 1 January 2006.

## Appendix II (continued) Other Filings

Niagara Gas Transmission Limited	12 December	File ATT-TTC-NGT-01 - List of tolls for the Link System.
Niagara Gas Transmission Limited	12 December	File ATT-TTC-NGT-01 - Toll related information for the Ottawa River Facilities.
Niagara Gas Transmission Limited	12 December	File ATT-TTC-NGT-01 - Toll related information for the Cornwall Pipeline Facilities.
Vector Pipeline Limited Partnership	15 December	File TT-IT-VPL 03 - 2006 Interim Toll Calculations.
Regent Resources Ltd. and Sword Energy Limited	15 December	File CC-SWE 2005 1 - Regent will sell and Sword will purchase a 0.7 kilometre natural gas pipeline in the Coutts area.
Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.	15 December	File TT-TTC-PMC-Toll Schedules - Wapella Pipelines System Tariff No. 5-3 effective 1 January 2006.
Rainbow Pipe Line Company, Ltd	16 December	File TT-TTC-RPL TS - Tariff No. 65 effective 1 January 2006.
Imperial Oil	16 December	File TT-TTC-IPC TS - Bonnie Glen Pipeline Tariff No. 110 effective 1 January 2006.
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Westcoast Energy Inc.	20 December	File ATT-ATC-WEI 01- Framework for Light-handed Regulation: Amendment of Toll Schedules effective 1 January 2006.
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Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.	21 December	File TT-TTC-PMC TS - Tariff No 7.0 and Rules and Regulations No. 5.0 for the Milk River Pipeline System effective 1 January 2006.
Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.	21 December	File TT-TTC-PMC TS - Rules and Regulations No. 6.0 for the Wapella Pipeline System effective 1 January 2006.
Plains Marketing Canada, L.P.	22 December	File TT-TTC-PMC TS - Rules and Regulations No. 8.0 for the Wascana Pipeline System effective 1 January 2006.
Express Pipeline Ltd.	23 December	File TT-TTC-EPL-01 - Proposed International ExpressChoice® Uncommitted Petroleum Toll Schedule - NEB Tariff No. 67.

#### **Profile**

The National Energy Board is a federal regulatory tribunal that was created on 2 November 1959 by an Act of Parliament.

The Board's regulatory powers under the *National Energy Board Act* include the granting of authorizations for the exportation of oil, natural gas and electricity, the certification of interprovincial and international pipelines and international power lines, and the setting of tolls and tariffs for oil and gas pipelines under federal jurisdiction.

In addition to its regulatory functions, the Board is responsible for advising the government on the development and use of energy resources.

The Act also requires that the Board keep under review the Canadian supply of all major energy commodities, with emphasis on electricity, oil, natural gas, and the by-products derived from oil and natural gas, as well as the demand for Canadian energy in Canada and in export markets.

The Board's responsibilities under the *Canada Oil* and *Gas Operations Act* and certain provisions of the *Canada Petroleum Resources Act* encompass the regulation of exploration for and the development and production of oil and gas on Frontier Lands in a manner that promotes safety of the worker, protection of the environment, and conservation of hydrocarbon resources.

The Board also has specific responsibilities under the *Northern Pipeline Act* and the *Energy Administration Act*. In addition, Board inspectors have been appointed safety officers by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada to administer Part II of the *Canada Labour Code*.

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