



NewsRelease

TransCanada (NGTL) and Canadian Utilities Limited (ATCO Pipelines) Reach Proposed Agreement to Provide Seamless Alberta Natural Gas Transmission Service

CALGARY, Alberta - **September 8, 2008** - Canadian Utilities' (TSX: CU, CU.X) indirectly wholly owned subsidiary, ATCO Pipelines and TransCanada Corporation's (TSX, NYSE: TRP) (TransCanada) wholly owned subsidiary, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL), have reached a proposed agreement to provide seamless natural gas transmission service to customers. The gas transmission model will utilize a single suite of services to provide integrated gas transmission service which is expected to add value for customers as a result of seamless efficient service throughout Alberta.

Both ATCO Pipelines and NGTL have been encouraged by their regulator and by customers to explore collaborative concepts designed to streamline the provision of natural gas transmission service across Alberta and to address competitive pipeline issues. The seamless gas transmission model is the result of this process.

If approved by the regulator, the arrangement will see the two companies combine physical assets under a single rates and services structure with a single commercial interface with customers but with each company separately managing assets within distinct operating territories in the province. It is expected that the model will end duplicative tolling and operational activities and will result in more efficient regulatory processes.

The Alberta Utilities Commission concurs with the two companies meeting with representatives of the various customer groups. The objective of the discussions is to evaluate the long-term benefits and to determine rate and system design principles with the various groups for ultimate approval by the regulator.

ATCO Pipelines, a subsidiary of Canadian Utilities Limited, and part of the ATCO Group of Companies, provides natural gas transmission services to producers in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, marketers, industrial customers and gas distribution companies in Alberta. Additional information on ATCO Pipelines can be found at www.atcopipelines.com.

Canadian Utilities Limited is a Canadian-based worldwide organization of companies with assets of approximately \$7.7 billion and more than 6,500 employees, actively engaged in three main business divisions: Power Generation, Utilities (natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution) and Global Enterprises (technology, logistics and energy services). More information about Canadian Utilities can be found on the Canadian Utilities Limited website at www.canadian-utilities.com.

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) is an indirect, 100 per cent wholly-owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation which owns and operates the 23,570-kilometre Alberta System. The Alberta System gathers natural gas for use within the province and delivers it to provincial boundary points for connection with export pipelines.

With more than 50 years' experience, TransCanada is a leader in the responsible development and reliable operation of North American energy infrastructure including natural gas pipelines, power generation, gas storage facilities, and projects related to oil pipelines and LNG facilities. TransCanada's network of wholly owned pipelines extends more than 59,000 kilometres (36,500 miles), tapping into virtually all major gas supply basins in North America. TransCanada is one of the continent's largest providers of gas storage and related services with approximately 355 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. A growing independent power producer, TransCanada owns, or has interests in, over 10,900 megawatts of power generation in Canada and the United States. TransCanada's common shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol TRP.

Note: All financial figures are in Canadian dollars unless noted otherwise.

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