



# Regulatory Agenda

The period covered in this *Regulatory Agenda* is the month of June 2002

## Public Hearing Applications

### Hearing Decisions Rendered

**1. Cedars Rapids Transmission Co. (Cedars Rapids) - Reconstruction of an International Power Line (IPL) - EH-1-2002 (File 2200-C019-1)**

On 6 June, the Board has approved an application by Cedars Rapids to reconstruct an IPL from Les Cèdres, Quebec to Cornwall, Ontario.

The Board granted approval to Cedars Rapids to replace 71 kilometres (44 miles) of an existing 72.8 kilometre (45 mile) IPL from Les Cèdres generating station in Quebec to a connecting point located in Cornwall. The last 1.8 kilometres of the IPL from Cornwall to the U.S. border was previously rebuilt.

Cedars Rapids proposes to dismantle the existing IPL once the reconstructed IPL is in service. The Board also approved Cedars Rapids' request to reconstruct the IPL at 230 kilovolts and to operate the line at 120 kilovolts.

Cedars Rapids proposes to reconstruct the IPL during the latter part of 2003 with a proposed in-service date of December 2003 and to

dismantle the existing IPL during the winter of 2003/2004. The estimated cost of the project is \$40 million.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held at Dorval, Quebec on 26 and 27 March 2002.

**2. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Cost of Capital for the Years 2001 and 2002 - RH-4-2001 (File 4200-T001-15)**

On 21 June, the Board issued its Reasons for Decision concerning an application from TCPL for approval of the cost of capital to be included in the calculation of the TCPL mainline natural gas transmission system (Mainline) tolls for the years 2001 and 2002.

TCPL had applied for the determination of a fair return for the Mainline for the years 2001 and 2002. TCPL sought approval of an After-Tax Weighted-Average Cost of Capital (ATWACC) of 7.5 per cent, adjusted in each of 2001 and 2002 for the difference between the market cost of debt and the embedded cost of debt of the company. In the event the Board declined to

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### 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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adopt the proposed ATWACC methodology, TCPL sought approval of a rate of return on common equity of 12.5 per cent on a deemed common equity component of 40 per cent.

The Board last considered the cost of capital of the Mainline in the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital hearing held in 1994/1995 (RH-2-94). In that proceeding, the Board decided that a deemed common equity ratio of 30 per cent was appropriate for the Mainline. The Board also ruled that the allowed rates of return on common equity for pipelines subject to the RH-2-94 Decision would subsequently (post 1995) be adjusted annually, based on the formula developed in RH-2-94. For 2001 and 2002, the RH-2-94 Formula resulted in rates of return on common equity of 9.61 per cent and 9.53 per cent, respectively.

The key elements of the Board's decision are:

- The Board declined to adopt the ATWACC methodology proposed by TCPL.
- The Board concluded that the results generated by the RH-2-94 Formula continue to be appropriate for the Mainline. The Board therefore approved a rate of return on common equity for the Mainline of 9.61 per cent for 2001 and 9.53 per cent for 2002.
- The Board concluded that the level of business risk facing the Mainline has increased since 1994 and decided that it would be appropriate to increase the Mainline's deemed common equity ratio from 30 per cent to 33 per cent, effective 1 January 2001. This increase will raise the Mainline's 2001 and 2002 annual cost of service and tolls by approximately two per cent.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held from 27 February to 4 April 2002 in Calgary, Alberta.

## Hearing Decision Pending

### **1. *Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Pipeline Construction - Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission System Expansion and the Weejay Lateral - GH-2-2002 (File 3200-W005-11)***

The Board held a public hearing from 25 to 27 June in Chetwynd, British Columbia on an application by WEI to extend the Grizzly Raw Gas Transmission

System and to construct the Weejay Lateral in British Columbia and Alberta.

## Hearings Scheduled

### **1. *Westcoast Energy Inc. (WEI) - Southern Mainline Expansion - GH-1-2002 (File 3200-W005-12)***

The Board will hold a public hearing in two phases on an application by WEI to expand its Southern Mainline natural gas pipeline system in British Columbia. Phase 1 of the public hearing will commence on 8 July in Abbotsford, British Columbia and Phase 2 will commence on 30 September in Chilliwack, British Columbia and will continue in Williams Lake, British Columbia on 3 October and will then reconvene in Chilliwack on 7 October.

Phase 1 of the hearing will deal with the need for the proposed facilities, including markets, supply and economic feasibility. Phase 2 of the hearing will deal with, design, safety, operation, environmental and socio-economic effects, route selection, land requirements, land rights acquisition process and the appropriate terms and conditions to be included in any approval that may be granted.

### **2. *Province of New Brunswick - Short-term Orders to Export Natural Gas - MH-2-2002 (7500-M093-3)***

The Board will hold a public hearing commencing 15 July in Fredericton, New Brunswick on an application from the Province of New Brunswick requesting that the Board hold a public hearing to examine the rules for natural gas exports. New Brunswick proposes that the Board establish rules that would apply when the Board considers applications for short-term export orders for incremental supplies of Scotian offshore natural gas if those supplies cannot meet both domestic and export requests for service.

### **3. *Maritimes & Northeast Pipelines Management Ltd. (M&NP) - Construct Additional Facilities - GH-3-2002 (File 3400-M124-4)***

The Board will hold a public hearing commencing on 16 September in Halifax, Nova Scotia on an application from M&NP to construct additional facilities on its natural gas pipeline system in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. M&NP proposes to construct one custody transfer meter station and four compressor stations on its mainline.

M&NP stated that these facilities are required to provide transmission service to EnCana Corporation of 11.3 million cubic metres (400 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas commencing in 2005. The estimated cost of the facilities is \$190.8 million.

#### **4. Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (SE2) - International Power Line (IPL) - EH-1-2000 (File 2200-S040-1)**

At the request of SE2, on 19 February 2001 the Board adjourned the public hearing relating to the SE2's request for approval to construct an 8.5 kilometre IPL. On 19 February 2001 the Board was to hear argument on a motion on whether the Board should consider the environmental effects in Canada of the proposed power plant to be located in Sumas, Washington (Environmental Effects Motion).

On 21 June, the Board decided that, as 16 months have elapsed since the hearing was adjourned, the interests of parties and matters pertaining to this application may have changed. Therefore, prior to reconvening the public hearing, the Board has decided to seek comments from all parties on the manner in which the Board should proceed in continuing its consideration of this application including:

1. allowing new evidence on SE2's Environmental Effects Motion
2. allowing new evidence on the application (other than evidence resulting from any decision the Board may make on the Environmental Effects Motion)
3. the timing of the hearing on the Environmental Effects Motion and the hearing on the application
4. proposed draft schedule as follows:
  - i) Additional Affidavits, List of Authorities (Environmental Effects Motion) due 13 August;
  - ii) SE2's Reply Evidence on the Environmental Effects Motion due 19 August;
  - iii) Hearing on Sumas Environmental Effects Motion commences in Abbotsford, British Columbia on 5 September.

SE2's comments on the above matters are due by 9 July and intervenors' comments are due by 23 July. SE2's reply, if any, to intervenors' comments is due by 30 July.

SE2 applied to construct a 230 kilovolt power line originating in the United States and crossing the international boundary near Abbotsford. The proposed power line would extend approximately 8.5 kilometres (5.3 miles) from the border northward on the existing rights-of-way of Canadian Pacific Railway, the City of Abbotsford and BC Hydro to BC Hydro's Clayburn substation in Abbotsford.

#### **Hearing Applications Filed**

##### **1. New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) - Construct an International Power Line (IPL) (File 2200-N088-1)**

On 31 May 2001, NB Power applied to construct and operate a 345 kilovolt IPL of approximately 95 kilometres (59 miles) in length running west from the Point Lepreau Peninsula through the counties of Saint John and Charlotte in New Brunswick to the international boundary near Woodland, Maine. The estimated cost of the IPL is \$40 million and NB Power expects to commence construction in the Spring of 2002. The United States portion of the project will consist of approximately 135 kilometres (84 miles) of power line running from Woodland to Orrington in Maine. Bango Hydro Electric Company is seeking state and federal approvals for the U.S. portion of the project.

##### **2. EnCana Corporation (EnCana), formerly PanCanadian Energy Corporation - Natural Gas Pipeline (File 3200-P022-1)**

On 1 March, EnCana applied for approval to construct a 610 millimetre (24 inch) natural gas pipeline of approximately 179 kilometres (111 miles) in length, extending from the Deep Panuke production platform to a point of interconnection with the facilities of Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership (M&NP) near Goldboro, Nova Scotia. EnCana anticipates to deliver approximately 11.3 million cubic metres (400 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas to M&NP for a period of approximately 11.5 years commencing sometime in 2005. The estimated cost of the proposed pipeline and associated facilities is \$1.1 billion.

## Hearings Adjourned or Postponed

### **1. Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Limited (GSCPL) - GSX Canada Pipeline Project - GH-4-2001 (File 3200-G049-1)**

The Joint Review Panel for the Georgia Strait Crossing Pipeline Project has postponed commencement of its public hearing scheduled for 17 June. A new date will be announced at a later time.

### **2. Mr. Robert A. Milne, 3336101 Ontario Limited, c.o.b. as Milne Crushing & Screening - MH-1-97**

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under *Hearing Applications, Hearings*

*Postponed* in issue No. 62 of the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 October 1997.

### **3. Crowsnest Pipeline Project - Natural Gas Pipeline**

For more information on this matter, refer to item 1 under *Hearing Applications, Hearing Application Suspended* of issue No. 63 of the *Regulatory Agenda* dated 1 January 1998.

## Non Hearing Applications

### Electricity Matters

#### Matters Completed

### **1. Exelon Generation Company, LLC. (Exelon) - Electricity Export (File 6200-E114-1)**

On 19 June, the Board approved an application dated 26 April from Exelon for permits to export up to 500 megawatts of firm power and 4 380 gigawatt hours of firm energy and 1 000 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy annually for a period of 15 years.

### **2. EPCOR Merchant and Capital Inc. (EPCOR) - Electricity Export (File 6200-E091-2)**

On 19 June, the Board approved an application dated 28 March from EPCOR for permits to export up to 1 200 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy and up to 200 and 1 200 gigawatt hours of short-term firm power and energy annually for a period of 10 years.

#### Matters Under Consideration

### **3. Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) - Electricity Export (File 6200-C209-1)**

On 24 May, Consumers applied for permits to export up to 16 000 gigawatts of firm power and up to 24 000 gigawatt hours of combined firm and interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

On 12 June, the Board sent a letter to Consumers requesting additional information.

### **4. Duke Energy Marketing Canada Ltd. (Duke) - Amend Electricity Export Permits (File 6200-D064-1-1)**

On 13 May, Duke applied to amend electricity export permits EPE-135 and EPE-136. These permits authorizes Duke to export electricity over international power lines in British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario. Duke is requesting to amend the permits to allow for exports from international power lines in New Brunswick also.

### **5. Emera Energy Inc. (Emera) - Electricity Export (File 6200-E115-1)**

On 23 May, Emera applied for permits to export up to 1 000 megawatts of firm or interruptible power and up to 4 800 gigawatt hours of firm or interruptible energy per year for a period of 10 years.

On 7 June, the Board sent a letter to Emera requesting additional information.

### **6. Hydro One Delivery Services, Inc. (Hydro One) - Lake Erie Link (File 2200-H026-1)**

On 24 April, Hydro One and its affiliates in partnership with TransEnergie U.S. Ltd. filed with the Board two documents entitled *Project Description of the Lake Erie Link under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *Environmental Assessment Scoping Development* as a preliminary submission with respect to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Link international power line. The Environmental Assessment Scoping Development document initiates early co-ordination and scoping for the federal

environmental assessment process in advance of a formal application.

The proposed Lake Erie Link is an international power line between Canada and the United States under Lake Erie that would commence near Nanticoke, Ontario and run to Erie, Pennsylvania and/or Ashtabula, Ohio. The system would consist of one, two or three 150 kilovolt buried submarine cables, two converter stations and underground land cables to existing substations at or near the shore. The project would provide up to 970 megawatts of capacity. A converter station would be constructed near Nanticoke in an industrial zone in or close to the existing Nanticoke Thermal Generating Station. The cables would cross the eastern basin of Lake Erie to either Erie-West or Ashtabula. The length of the cables would be 115 kilometres (71 miles) to Erie-West or 150 kilometres (93 miles) to Ashtabula. The length of the Canadian portion of cable would be 40 - 60 per cent of the total length based on the route selected.

**7. Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. (Morgan) - Electricity Export (File 6200-M136-1)**

On 1 May 2001, Morgan applied for permits to export up to 2 336 000 megawatts of firm and interruptible power and up to 2 336 gigawatt hours of firm and interruptible energy annually for a period of 20 years.

On 22 June 2001, the Board sent a letter to Morgan requesting additional information.

**8. Split Rock Energy LLC (Split Rock) - Electricity Export (File 6200-S093-1)**

On 8 May, Split Rock applied for permits to export up to 600 gigawatt hours of firm and interruptible energy annually for a period of 10 years.

On 11 June, the Board sent a letter to Split Rock requesting additional information.

## Pipeline Matters

### Matters Completed

**1. 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 for details of the applications approved.

**2. Pouce Coupe Pipe Line Ltd. (Pouce Coupe) - Sale of Oil Pipelines (Files 3400-P123-2 and 3400-F72-1)**

On 20 June, the Board approved an application dated 25 July 2000 from Pouce Coupe for approval of the following: i) sell the Pouce Coupe pipeline to Pembina Partnership; ii) sell the Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. (Federated) pipeline to Pembina Partnership; iii) sell both these newly acquired pipelines by Pembina Partnership to Pembina Northern LP; iv) replace the name Pouce Coupe in Board Order XO-1-89 with "Pouce Coupe as agent and general partner of Pembina Northern LP"; and v) transfer Certificate OC-42 from Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. to "Pouce Coupe as agent and general partner of Pembina Northern LP". Pouce Coupe is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pembina Corporation.

The Pouce Coupe facilities consists of 26 kilometres (16 miles) of 219 millimetre (eight inch) of oil pipeline extending from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Bay Tree, Alberta. The Federated system consists of 172 kilometres (107 miles) of 273 millimetre (10 inch) of oil pipeline extending from Taylor, British Columbia to Belloy, Alberta.

**3. TransCanada PipeLines Limited, B.C. System (TCPL) - 2002 Westpath Expansion (File 3400-T054-3)**

On 13 June, the Board approved an application dated 20 December from TCPL for approval to construct approximately 24.4 kilometres (15 miles) of 1 219 millimetre (48 inch) pipeline on its B.C. System and for modifications to its Elko and Moyie Compressor Stations. The contract design capacity of the applied-for facilities would be 11.9 million cubic metres (420 million cubic feet) per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$48.3 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 2002.

### Matter Under Consideration

**4. Alliance Pipeline Ltd. (Alliance) - Kaybob North Lateral Project (File 3400-A159-9)**

On 7 June, Alliance applied for approval to construct approximately a 26.4 kilometre (16.4 mile), 610 millimetre (24 inch), natural gas lateral in west-central Alberta from Alliance's AB45 Meter Station in NW 10-59-18 W5M to a point of interconnection with the Alliance Mainline in NE 26-61-18-W5M. The lateral will have an initial

capacity of 8.5 million cubic metres (300 million cubic feet) per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$21.2 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 January 2003.

## Traffic, Tolls And Tariff Matters

### Matter Completed

**1. TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) - Reports of the 2002 Tolls Task Force (4775-T001-1/02-04)**

The Board has approved the following resolution of the 2002 Toll Task Force:

Resolution No.	Date approved	Subject
05.2002	12 June	Name change of Centra Gas Ontario to Union Gas Limited

### Frontier Matter

1. **Geological, geophysical or geotechnical operation:** One application, which was not listed in the May issue of the Reg Agenda, was approved pursuant to section 5(1)(b) of the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*. No approvals were given during June.

Company	Area	Operation ID	Date
Conoco Canada Resources Limited	Richardson Mountains	9237-C145-001E	30 May

## Reviews

### Review Completed

**1. Trans Mountain Pipe Line company Ltd. (TMPL) - Review Order TO-1-2001 (File 4200-T004-8-1)**

On 31 May, the Board dismissed an application from TMPL for review and variance of Order TO-1-2001 by which the Board approved TMPL's Incentive Toll Settlement for 2001 to 2005. By way of the review, TMPL sought to have the Order varied in respect of surveillance reporting requirement.

In its application, TMPL indicated that the application was filed on the basis of the company's understanding that the Board expects TMPL to immediately comply with the revised surveillance reporting requirements of Part XI of the Guidelines for Filing Requirements as issued by the Board on 6 December 2001. Condition 6 of Order TO-1-2001 provides as follows:

"TMPL is relieved from all reporting and filing requirements pursuant to Order TO-3-92 and the Memorandum of Guidance dated 16 February, related to quarterly surveillance reports pending the outcome of the Board's examination of appropriate filing requirements for pipeline[s] operating under an incentive toll settlement."

The Board noted that the TMPL review application is premised on the understanding referred to above; specifically, that the Board presently expects TMPL to immediately comply with the revised Part XI surveillance reporting requirements. The Board, however, has made no such decision or interpretation of condition 6 of Order TO-1-2001. Accordingly, the Board determined that the application has not raised a doubt as to the correctness of the Order and dismissed the application.

### Review Pending

**2. Reservoir Safety Committee (RSC) - Review of Electricity Export Permits Issued to British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation (Powerex) and British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) (File 6200-B095-4-1)**

On 17 October 2000, RSC applied for a review of electricity export permits EPE-118 and EPE-119 issued to Powerex and permits EPE-124, EPE-125, EPE-126 and EPE-127 issued to BC Hydro. In its application, RSC stated that since 1980, 11 drowning have occurred in BC Hydro's Carpenter Reservoir.

This is a consequence of BC Hydro's refusal to provide adequate protection to workers and members of the public traveling through the Bridge River Generating Facility, located within the Carpenter Reservoir.

RSC further stated that widespread citizen concern with the operation of the facility, has led to the formation of the RSC. RSC's goal is to effect significant safety related improvements to the facility.

RSC requested that the Board rescind permits related to the export of electricity generated through BC Hydro's Bridge River Hydro Electric Facility until such time as the safety of workers and the traveling public can be assured.

On 19 December 2000, the Board sent a letter to RSC advising that it will hold the application in abeyance until RSC has complied with section 44 of the *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995*, including notification to potentially interested persons.

## Amendments to Regulations, Rules and Guidelines

### **1. *Guidance Notes for the Onshore Pipeline Regulations***

The Board has sought comments from the public on proposed amendments to the *Guidance Notes for the Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999*.

The 1999 Guidance Notes were developed as a companion to the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999*. They are intended to provide additional explanation of specific sections of the Regulations and to provide examples of methods which could be used to achieve compliance. The proposed amendments of the Guidance Notes incorporate comments received from stakeholders as well as learnings from the Board's activities such as audits performed pursuant to the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations, 1999*.

### **2. *National Energy Board Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part II - Damage Prevention Regulations (File 185-A000-36)***

The Board intends to replace the existing *Pipeline Crossing Regulations, Part II* with regulations targeted at damage prevention (to be known as Damage Prevention Regulations). The new regulations will regulate activities on or adjacent to pipeline rights of way under the Board's jurisdiction in the interest of the safety of the public and of company employees and the protection of property and the environment.

On 30 May, the Board released a document entitled *A Conceptual Draft of the Proposed National Energy Board Damage Prevention Regulations & Guidance Notes*. The document contains the framework, concepts and ideas that will eventually form the new regulations. The Board also released the results of a national survey of Canadians who own land crossed by a federally-regulated pipeline.

This survey was conducted for the Board by COMPAS between January 17 and February 02, 2002 and will be used in the development of the new regulations.

The Board intends to meet with stakeholders over the next six months. Planning is underway for "town hall" style meetings at numerous locations across Canada. Details of these meetings will be announced as they become available.

The conceptual draft of the proposed regulations and the COMPAS survey are available on the Board's web site at [http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/safety/damgprev/index\\_e.htm](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/safety/damgprev/index_e.htm).

### **3. *Canada Oil and Gas Diving Regulations (Diving Regulations) and Guidance Notes (File 2001-1)***

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*.

### **4. *The Canada Oil and Gas Drilling Regulations (COGDR) and the Canada Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Regulations (COGPCR) (File 0406-14)***

For more information on this matter, refer to item 5 under *Amendments to Regulations and Rules* in the May 2001 issue of the *Regulatory Agenda*.

### **5. *Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines (OWTG) - Public Comment - (File 3015-5)***

The OWTG are published by the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NOPB), the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board and the National Energy Board and describe the minimum standards for the treatment and/or disposal of wastes associated with the routine operation of drilling and production installations offshore Canada.

A multi-stakeholder working group chaired by a representative of C-NOPB and with membership from the staff of the three Boards, other government departments, industry and the public has been engaged in a review of the existing Guidelines, last published in 1996. The working group has prepared a draft revision to the Guidelines which was released for public comment in February.

**6. Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs (File 4600-A000-3)**

On 12 June, the Board issued its *Revised Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs*.

On 30 January, the Board had released a discussion paper and *Draft Revised Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs* for public comment.

The Board's August 1994 *Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs* required that

an application supported by a negotiated settlement be based on unanimous or unopposed support of the parties to the negotiation. They did not contain any guidance as to how the Board may deal with contested settlements. The draft revised guidelines identifies steps the Board will take to deal with contested settlements.

**7. Regulations and Guidance Notes Pertaining to Canada Labour Code, Part II**

The process of amending the *Canada Oil and Gas Occupational Safety and Health Regulations* pertaining to oil and gas activities, under the provisions of the *Canada Labour Code, Part II*, is continuing.

Jurisdiction over pressure vessels and pressure piping within NEB regulated companies has been transferred from Human Resources Development Canada to the NEB. The Board is developing guidance and legislation to deal with this change.

## Administrative Matters

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# Appendix I

## Section 58 Applications

### Gas Pipelines

Applicant	File/Order	Application	Est. Cost
Consumers' Gas (Canada) Ltd.	Files: 3400-C283-17; 3400-C283-18 and 3400-C283-19 Order: XG-C283-25-2002	Three application dated 2 May; approved on 10 June. Construct interconnections with Enbridge Consumer Gas in Brampton, Ontario.	180 000
Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.	File: 3400-F006-39 Order: XG-F006-28-2002	Application dated 20 December; approved on 17 June. Install two hot taps and crossover valves to interconnect with TransCanada PipeLines BC System's Westpath Expansion.	450 000
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	File: 3400-T001-196 Order: XG-T001-26-2002	Application dated 16 May; approved on 11 June. Install a permanent launcher at the Sabrevois Meter Station in Quebec.	455 000
	File: 3400-T001-200 Order: XG-T001-29-2002	Application dated 11 June; approved on 19 June. Install two sales taps near Kenora, Ontario.	196 000
	File: 3400-T001-197 Order: XG-T001-31-2002	Application dated 24 May; approved on 26 June. Conduct environmental sampling at seven stations.	626 000
	File: 3400-T001-198 Order: XG-T001-32-2002	Application dated 24 May; approved on 27 June. Conduct contaminant sampling and delineation program.	980 000
TransCanada PipeLines Limited, B.C. System	File: 3400-T054-3 Order: XG-T054-27-2002	Application dated 20 December; approved on 13 June. Westpath Facilities Application.	48 300 000
Westcoast Energy Inc.	File: 3400-W005-287 Order: XG-W005-30-2002	Application dated 31 January; approved on 24 June. Ground be replacements on Fort St. John Field Services and casing upgrades on the Alaska Highway pipeline.	90 000

## 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 designated interprovincial 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 Development Canada to administer Part II of the *Canada Labour Code*.

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