



File OF-Fac-Gas-N081-2018-16 01
29 January 2019

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SENT VIA MAIL

Dear Chief Gauthier:

2018 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program (2018 Program)

The National Energy Board (Board) is a federal regulator that regulates pipelines and electrical transmission lines across Canada, specifically lines that cross provincial boundaries and the border into the United States. The Board is contacting you since your community may be impacted by a project for which the Board has received an Application.

On 28 September 2018, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) filed an application with the Board regarding the abandonment of 15 meter stations and 22 associated lateral pipelines, one stand-alone meter station and four stand-alone laterals (Application), all of which are part of the NGTL System. Attached to this letter you will find a summary of the 2018 Program, a project map and NGTL's contact information.

The Application is currently being reviewed by the Board. The Application is publicly available on our website at [A94221](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/A94221)¹. The Application includes details of NGTL's consultation with potentially affected Indigenous peoples for the 2018 Program. It also includes information from NGTL regarding any potential impacts the 2018 Program may have on Indigenous² interests, and any measures proposed by NGTL to address the 2018 Program-specific impacts.

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¹ Or go the NEB website at <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/> click on "Applications and Filings" under the heading "View Regulatory Documents, enter the Document Number A94221 and click on "Go".

² The use of the term "Indigenous" has the meaning assigned by the definition of "aboriginal peoples of Canada" in subsection 35 (2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* which states:
In this Act, "aboriginal peoples of Canada" includes the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada.

Where a proposed project may potentially affect the interests or rights of Indigenous peoples, the Board requires companies to begin consultation activities early in the planning of a proposed project. This early consultation is aimed at both understanding how a project may affect Indigenous interests or rights and ways to mitigate any potential impacts. If the project is approved, company consultation must continue throughout construction, operation and abandonment phases.

This letter is being sent to you as Notice of the Application. The Board will hold a written public hearing to consider the 2018 Program. The Board will direct NGTL to serve you a Notice of Hearing by 30 January 2019, which will include the procedural steps for the hearing.

If you have concerns about a proposed project, the Board strongly encourages you to contact the company first to have those concerns considered. If you still have 2018 Program-related views or concerns that you have not been able to resolve with the company, you may send a letter of comment to the NEB by 20 February 2019. The Board will consider your letter of comment during its assessment of the 2018 Program.

- Reference to File OF-Fac-Gas-N081-2018-16 01;
- Your name, mailing address, phone number, and name of the person or group that you represent;
- Any concerns you may have about the Project and any comments with respect to potential impacts of the Project, including potential measures to address any impacts; and,
- Any documentation and/or other submissions you feel explains or supports your letter.

You can submit your letter online using the “electronic document submission” (file non-hearing documents option) on our website, or mail, fax or courier it to us:

Secretary of the Board
National Energy Board
Suite 210, 517 Tenth Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2R 0A8
Facsimile 403-292-5503
Toll free fax 1-877-288-8803

You should also send a copy of your letter to NGTL. Contact information for the company is attached in the 2018 Program Summary.

The Board is the final decision-maker on the 2018 Program. The Board will decide whether to approve or deny the 2018 Program by weighing both the positive and negative impacts of the 2018 Program. Should the 2018 Program be approved, conditions may be imposed to ensure any negative impacts will be mitigated or eliminated.

If you have any questions about the process, or how to file your comments with the Board, please contact Janet Foreman, through the Board's toll free number at 1-800-899-1265 or by e-mail at janet.foreman@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by L. George for

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachments - Project Summary and Map

c.c. Ms. Nicole Prince, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, nicole_prince@transcanada.com
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2018 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program 2018 Program Summary

On 28 September 2018, NGTL applied for leave to abandon 15 meter stations and 22 associated lateral pipelines, one stand-alone meter station and four stand-alone laterals (2018 Program), all of which are part of the NGTL System. The NGTL System is an extensive natural gas pipeline system consisting of approximately 24,500 kilometres (km) of pipeline and other facilities in Alberta and British Columbia, of which approximately 173 km of pipeline is to be abandoned under the 2018 Program. (See Appendix A for proposed facilities to be abandoned).

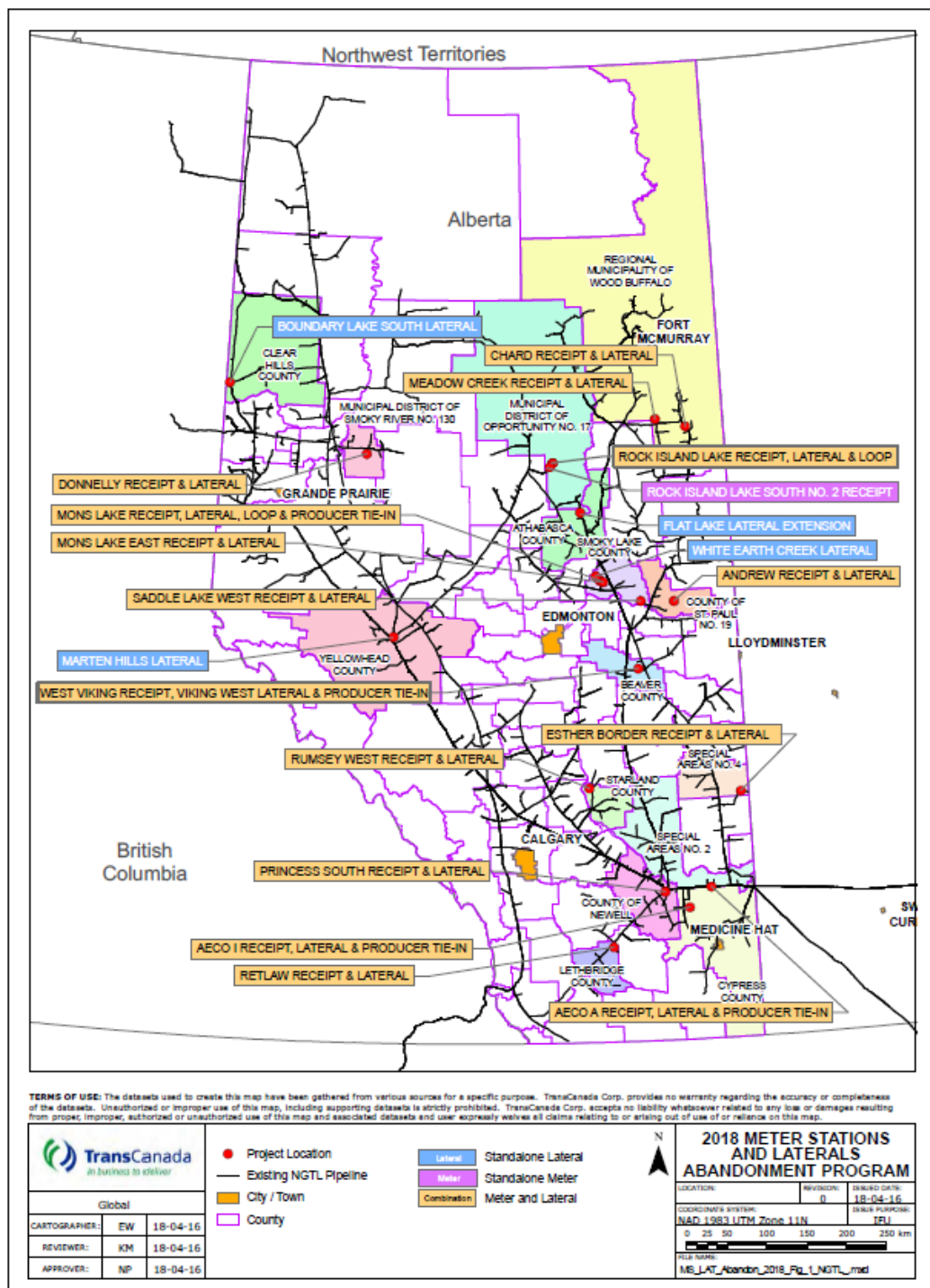
The 2018 Program is located throughout Alberta on freehold lands, lands owned by municipalities, Special Areas lands, Alberta Crown (Alberta Environment and Parks [AEP], and Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation) lands, Federal Crown (Canadian Forces Base [CFB] Suffield) lands, and on lands located on the Saddle Lake Cree Indian Reserve No.125.

If you would like to discuss details or require additional information about the 2018 Program, the Board encourages you to contact the applicant, NGTL, directly at:

Ms. Nicole Prince, Regulatory Analyst
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If you would like a copy of the Application, it can be obtained from Ms. Nicole Prince. It can also be found on the Board website (<http://www.neb-one.gc.ca>) by clicking on “Applications and Filings” under the heading “View Regulatory Documents”, entering the Document Number **A94221** under “Search by Document Number”, and clicking on “Go”.

2018 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program Map



Source: NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. 2018 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program Application, Attachment 2 – Overview Map and County/Municipality Maps, PDF page 2 of 17, [A94221-3](#))

Appendix A – Proposed 2018 Facilities to be Abandoned

Meter Station Name	Meter Station Legal Description	Approximate Lateral Pipeline Length	Isolation Excavation Site Legal Description	Lateral to be Abandoned In-place or Removed	Proposed Abandonment Date ¹
AECO A Receipt	SE 21-020-06 W4M	0.16 km of NPS 6 AECO A Producer Tie-in	SE 21-020-06 W4M to SE 21-020-06 W4M	Removed	September 2019
		0.14 km of NPS 6 AECO A Lateral	SE 21-020-06 W4M to SE 21-020-06 W4M	Removed	
AECO I Receipt	SE 04-018-09 W4M	0.11 km of NPS 6 AECO I Producer Tie-in	SE 04-018-09 W4M to SE 04-018-09 W4M	Removed / In-place ²	September 2019
		7.90 km of NPS 8 AECO I Lateral	SE 04-018-09 W4M to SW 02-018-10 W4M	In-place	
Andrew Receipt	NE 19-057-15 W4M	0.27 km of NPS 4 Andrew Lateral	NE 19-057-15 W4M to NE 19-057-15 W4M	Removed	May 2019
N/A	N/A	3.53 km of NPS 16 Boundary Lake South Lateral	SE 14-085-13 W6M to SE 16-085-13 W6M	In-place	October 2019
Chard Receipt	NW 32-079-05 W4M	0.002 km of NPS 6 Chard Lateral ³	NW 32-079-05 W4M to NW 32-079-05 W4M	Removed	May 2019
Donnelly Receipt	SE 01-077-21 W5M	6.97 km of NPS 4 Donnelly Lateral	SE 01-077-21 W5M to SW 25-077-21 W5M	In-place	June 2019
Ester Border Delivery ⁴	NW 19-032-01 W4M	9.76 km of NPS 6 Ester Lateral	NW 19-032-01 W4M to NW 13-032-01 W4M	In-place	December 2019
N/A	N/A	9.56 km of NPS 10 Flat Lake Lateral Extension ⁵	SE 36-069-20 W4M to SE 31-068-19 W4M	Removed / In-place ⁶	October 2019
Meadow Creek Receipt	NW 04-081-09 W4M	6.82 km of NPS 10 Meadow Creek Lateral ⁷	NW 04-081-09 W4M to SE 22-080-09 W4M	In-place	September 2019
N/A	N/A	38.20 km of NPS 20 Marten Hills Lateral ⁸	NW 24-055-14 W5M to SE 11-053-18 W5M	In-Place	October 2019

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Meter Station Name	Meter Station Legal Description	Approximate Lateral Pipeline Length	Isolation Excavation Site Legal Description	Lateral to be Abandoned In-place or Removed	Proposed Abandonment Date ¹
Mons Lake Receipt	NW 24-060-18W4M	0.06 km of NPS 4 Mons Lake Producer Tie-in	NW 24-060-18 W4M to NW 24-060-18 W4M	Removed	August 2019
		12.20 km of NPS 4 Mons Lake Lateral ⁹	NW 24-060-18 W4M to SE 13-059-18 W4M	In-place	
		6.40 km of NPS 6 Mons Lake Lateral Loop ¹⁰	NW 24-060-18 W4M to NE 36-059-18 W4M		
Mons Lake East Receipt	SE 17-060-17 W4M	4.18 km of NPS 4 Mons Lake East Lateral	SE 17-060-17 W4M to NW 13-060-18 W4M	In-place	August 2019
Princess South Receipt	NW 03-020-12 W4M	0.32 km of NPS 4 Princess South Lateral	NW 03-020-12 W4M to NW 03-020-12 W4M	In-place	November 2019
Retlaw Receipt ¹¹	NW 10-013-19 W4M	2.14 km of NPS 6 Retlaw Lateral ¹²	NW 10-013-19 W4M to NW 02-013-19 W4M	In-place	June 2019
Rock Island Lake Receipt	NE 36-075-23 W4M	0.04 km of NPS 4 Rock Island Lake Lateral	NE 36-075-23 W4M to NE 36-075-23 W4M	Removed	September 2019
		19.51 km of NPS 4 Rock Island Lake Lateral ¹³	NE 36-075-23 W4M to NW 21-074-24 W4M	Removed / In-place	
		13.47 km of NPS 6 Rock Island Lake Lateral Loop ¹⁴	NE 15-075-23 W4M to NW 21-074-24 W4M		
Rock Island Lake South No. 2 Receipt ¹⁵	NW 15-075-23 W4M	N/A	N/A	N/A	September 2019
Rumsey West Receipt	SW 35-033-21 W4M	3.50 km of NPS 4 Rumsey West Lateral	SW 35-033-21 W4M to SW 31-033-20 W4M	In-place	January 2020
Saddle Lake West Receipt	NW 25-057-13 W4M	13.54 km of NPS 6 Saddle Lake West Lateral	NW 25-057-13 W4M to SE 01-057-12 W4M	Removed	October 2019
West Viking Receipt	NE 01-49-14 W4M	0.49 km of NPS 6 Viking West Meter Station Producer Tie-in	SE 01-049-14 W4M to NE 01-049-14 W4M	Removed	July 2019

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		7.70 km of NPS 6 Viking West Lateral	NE 01-049-14 W4M to NW 11-049-13 W4M	In-place	
N/A	N/A	5.80 km of NPS 4 White Earth Creek Lateral ¹⁶	SW 09-061-18 W4M to NE 21-060-18 W4M	In-place	November 2019

- ¹ Schedule is subject to NEB-approval and further consultation with landowners and consideration of any environment restricted activity periods (RAPs), to avoid and/or minimize potential impacts on the environment.
- ² NGTL is proposing to remove 90 m of the 110 m AECO I Producer Tie-in while the remaining 20 m located under highway 884 will be abandoned in-place and filled.
- ³ NGTL is proposing to abandon 2 m of the 7.43 km Chard Lateral. The remaining 7.428 km will remain in-service.
- ⁴ The Ester Border Delivery Meter station is co-located and would fall under the NEB's Decommissioning Exemption Order XG/XO-100-2008 (DEO); however, the Lateral falls under Abandonment and therefore both facilities are being included in the Abandonment Application.
- ⁵ NGTL is proposing to abandon 9.56 km of the 31.5 km Flat Lake Lateral Extension. The remaining 6.877 km will remain in-service while 15.033 km will be included in a subsequent Pipe Decommissioning Application (anticipated to be filed Q4 2018).
- ⁶ NGTL is proposing to remove 41.1 m of the 9.56 km Flat Lake Lateral Extension, located in the Richmond Receipt Meter station yard, while the remaining 9.5189 km will be abandoned in-place.
- ⁷ NGTL is proposing to abandon 6.828 km of the 36 km Meadow Creek Lateral. The remaining 29.172 km will remain in-service.
- ⁸ NGTL is proposing to abandon 38.2 km of the 168.46 km Marten Hills Lateral. The remaining 130.26 km will remain in-service. 5.97 km of the Marten Hills Lateral to the north and 4.08 km to the south will parallel operating pipelines. NGTL has evaluated the Cathodic Protection (CP) for the parallel operating line and has determined CP is not required to be maintained on the abandoned portion to support the paralleling operating line.
- ⁹ 5.80 km of the Mons Lake Lateral will parallel an operating pipeline. NGTL has evaluated the CP for the parallel operating line and has determined CP is not required to be maintained on the abandoned portion.
- ¹⁰ NGTL is proposing to abandon 6.40 km of the 12.6 km of the Mons Lake Lateral Loop. The remaining 6.2 km will remain in-service.
- ¹¹ The Retlaw Receipt Meter station is co-located with other infrastructure (i.e., sales tap, piping and valves) and would fall under the DEO; however, the Lateral falls under Abandonment and therefore both facilities are being included in the Abandonment Application.
- ¹² NGTL is proposing to abandon 2.144 km of the 4.05 km Retlaw Lateral. The remaining 1.906 km will remain in-service.
- ¹³ NGTL is proposing to remove 72 m of Rock Island Lateral, located in the Rock Island Lake South No. 2 Meter Station yard and between the south meter station boundary and south access road. The remaining 19.438 km will be abandoned in-place.
- ¹⁴ NGTL is proposing to remove 74 m of Rock Island Lake Lateral Loop, located in the Rock Island Lake South No. 2 Meter Station yard and between the south station boundary and south access road. The remaining 13.396 km will be abandoned in-place.
- ¹⁵ The Rock Island Lake South No. 2 Receipt Meter Station was previously decommissioned under the DEO in 2014 (NEB Filing ID: A4K0S2).
- ¹⁶ The White Earth Creek Lateral was previously discontinued under Provincial regulations in 1998.