

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF
the Pipeline Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 364

and

An Application by Plateau Pipe Line Ltd.
for Approval of 2010 Tolls for the Northeast BC and Blueberry Crude Oil Pipelines

BEFORE:

L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
P.E. Vivian, Commissioner
D.A. Cote, Commissioner

December 17, 2009

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 11, 2009 Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. ("Plateau") filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), an application for the approval of 2010 revised tariff and supplemental toll information for the Northeast BC Pipeline ("NEBC Pipeline") and the Blueberry to Taylor Pipeline ("Blueberry Pipeline"), effective January 1, 2010 (the "Application"); and
- B. The Application requests approval of the following tariff and supplemental toll information, effective January 1, 2010:
- A 30 percent tariff increase at all locations on the NEBC Pipeline.
 - Reduce the toll at Taylor Terminal from \$10.54/m³ to \$8.00/m³.
 - A \$4.50/m³ or 50 percent tariff increase from \$9.00/m³ to \$13.50/m³ for all locations on the Blueberry Pipeline; and
- C. Plateau forecasts a cumulative deficit of \$0.8 million on the NEBC Pipeline at the end of 2009; and
- D. Plateau forecasts a cumulative deficit of \$0.2 million on the Blueberry Pipeline at the end of 2009. The tariff increase will prevent the stabilization account from growing to a larger deficit; and
- E. Plateau has filed an updated Shippers and Producers list with the Commission; and
- F. Plateau has provided all Shippers and Producers on the NEBC Pipeline and Blueberry Pipeline with a copy of the Application and no complaints on the Application have been received by the Commission to date; and
- G. The Commission has reviewed the Application and finds that approval is warranted.

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NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 44 of the *Pipeline Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

1. The Commission approves the Application, effective January 1, 2010:
 - Northeast British Columbia Pipeline Tariff and Supplemental Toll Rate Tariff No. 2 O
 - Blueberry-Taylor Pipeline Tariff and Supplemental Toll Rate Tariff No. 8
2. The approved tolls are permanent and subject to review by the Commission in the event of a complaint by one or more Shippers on the pipelines within 60 days of this Order. If a complaint is received by the Commission after 60 days of this Order, any adjustments in tolls will be on a prospective basis.
3. Plateau is to provide all Shippers on the pipelines with a copy of this Order, and provide confirmation to the Commission.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day December 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dennis A. Cote
Commissioner