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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER G-72-13**

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473

and**

**An Application by Plateau Pipe Line Ltd.
for Approval of the Northeast BC Pipeline Toll Revisions**

BEFORE: L.F. Kelsey, Commissioner
D.M. Morton, Commissioner
N.E. MacMurchy, Commissioner May 9, 2013
B.A. Magnan, Commissioner
C. van Wermeskerken, Commissioner

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 5, 2013, Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. (Plateau) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of revised tariff and supplemental toll information for the Northeast BC (NEBC) Pipeline, effective May 1, 2013 (the Application). The Application requests approval to maintain the Taylor Terminal toll of \$4.50/m³ and to reduce the toll at all other locations on the NEBC Pipeline by 10 percent;
- B. Plateau submits in the Application that the 2013 forecast indicates that volumes will decrease by 7 percent and operating expenses will increase due to a significant pipeline integrity, geotechnical and inspection project planned for 2013-2015. Plateau also notes that the 2012 accumulated surplus balance is \$6.5 million. The proposed toll reduction, in combination with an increase in operating expenses, is expected to reduce the accumulated surplus balance over the next three years;
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and determines that approval is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE pursuant to section 65 of the *Utilities Commission Act*, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. The requested Northeast BC Pipeline toll revisions are approved as permanent effective May 1, 2013.
- 2. Plateau must provide a copy of this Order to all shippers on the Northeast BC Pipeline.

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3. The approved tolls are subject to review by the Commission in the event of a complaint by one or more shippers on the Northeast BC Pipeline within 60 days of this Order. If a complaint is received by the Commission after 60 days of this Order, any adjustment in tolls will be on a prospective basis.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 9th day of May 2013.

BY ORDER

Original Signed By:

D.M. Morton
Commissioner