

Exhibit A to PNGTS and Sellers Letter to the  
New Hampshire Department of Energy  
DG 24-050  
PNGTS, TCP, NNEIC, BGIF IV and AIV-B  
Petition to Transfer Partnership Interests

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Response: June 10, 2024  
Witness: Janine Watson

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**REQUEST**

Reference: June 6, 2024 Conversation with Dr. Deen Arif while marking exhibits

Is there a reasonable concern that the Canadian Energy Regulator might take some action based on the change of ownership in PNGTS from a Canadian entity to U.S. entities that could lead to cancellation of a Northern Utilities Precedent Agreement for Empress Capacity, which could adversely affect some Northern Utilities customers?

**RESPONSE**

TC Energy does not anticipate that the contemplated change in ownership of PNGTS will impact any future Canadian regulatory approval process for potential facility expansions needed to support current or future service to East Hereford (the delivery point on the Trans Quebec Maritimes ("TQM") Pipeline system that interconnects with PNGTS).

The TC Energy Canadian natural gas transmission assets that support transportation service to East Hereford fall under the jurisdiction of the Canada Energy Regulator ("CER"). For service from Empress to East Hereford, customers contract with TC Energy's affiliate, TransCanada PipeLines Limited ("TCPL"), which in turn contracts with TQM for the necessary capacity on the TQM system to effect delivery to East Hereford. TCPL's transportation service agreements with its customers and TCPL's transportation service agreement with TQM are separate from PNGTS service agreements with its customers. Simply stated, the upstream Canadian pipeline transportation agreements are directly with the customers and not through PNGTS and, as such, any change in ownership of PNGTS has no effect on the contracts held by TC Energy Canadian pipelines and customers of those pipelines.

Prior to constructing facilities on either system to meet new service commitments, TCPL and TQM regularly explore commercial arrangements and other non-facility solutions, including the repurposing of capacity, to meet new service commitments. Such non-capital solutions may defer or entirely avoid the need for new expansion facilities.

If new expansion facilities are required to meet service commitments to East Hereford, TCPL and/or TQM will apply to the CER for approval of any required facilities under the applicable regulatory process depending on the nature and scope of the facilities. In considering need, the CER will consider the transportation service commitment on the TCPL system (and TCPL's transportation service commitment on TQM) that underpin the expansion facilities. The CER may also require evidence demonstrating downstream demand to justify the construction of facilities in Canada to support an export market. When considering need, the CER *does not* take into consideration the ownership of any interconnecting downstream pipeline, which would be outside of the CER's jurisdiction.