

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 the 2007 and 2008 Western System Tolls

**BEFORE:** L.F. Kelsey, Panel Chair and Commissioner

January 24, 2008

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner

#### ORDER

#### **WHEREAS:**

- A. On October 5, 2007 Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. ("Plateau", the "Company") informed the Commission that the Company, Husky Oil Operations Limited ("Husky") and Chevron Canada Limited ("Chevron") (collectively the "Parties") were unable to reach a negotiated settlement regarding the Western System Tolls to be effective July 1, 2007. In accordance with Commission Order No. P-6-07, Plateau filed the 2007 Western System Tolls Application (the "Application") on November 30, 2007; and
- B. Commission Order No. P-4-07 established the proposed Western System Tolls as interim and refundable, effective July 1, 2007:
  - A \$5.51/m³ toll increase from \$5.69/m³ to \$11.20/m³ for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Prince George,
  - A \$8.48/m<sup>3</sup> toll increase from \$8.75/m<sup>3</sup> to 17.23/m<sup>3</sup> for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Kamloops;
    and
- C. The Application requests the approval of tolls on its Western System effective for the period of July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007:
  - A toll of \$9.35/m<sup>3</sup> for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Prince George,
  - A toll of 14.38/m<sup>3</sup> for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Kamloops; and
- D. The Application also requests the approval of tolls on its Western System effective for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008:
  - A toll of \$11.67/m<sup>3</sup> for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Prince George,
  - A toll of \$17.95/m<sup>3</sup> for crude oil deliveries from Taylor to Kamloops; and

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- E. On December 10, 2007, the Commission issued Letter No. L-99-07 requesting submissions from the Parties regarding:
  - the inclusion of material from the May 30, 2007 to September 30, 2077 negotiations between the Parties (the "Negotiations") as exhibits in the proceeding,
  - the process options for review of the Application,
  - the registration of Intervenors and Interested Parties in addition to Husky and Chevron,
  - the proposed draft regulatory timetable and dates,
  - the of location for the proceeding and any other matters that would assist the Commission to efficiently review the Application; and
- F. In accordance with Letter No. L-99-07, the Commission received submissions dated December 18, 2007 from Plateau and Chevron. Husky provided its submission in a letter dated December 20, 2007; and
- G. Commission Order No. P-8-07 established a Public Hearing Process for the review of the Application, set a Regulatory Agenda and Timetable for the proceeding and directed that the proceeding exclude material from the Negotiations as exhibits; and
- H. On January 16, 2008, the Commission submitted Information Request No. 2 and the Intervenors submitted Information Request No. 1 to the Company; and
- On January 18, 2008, Plateau submitted a letter to the Commission requesting that the Commission extend the deadline to file responses to Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1 from January 30, 2008 to February 13, 2008. Plateau has also suggested amending the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable with the dates adjusted to accommodate the requested two week extension. Plateau has advised the Commission that Chevron does not object to the extension; and
- J. In a letter dated January 21, 2008, Husky advised the Commission that it had no objection to Plateau's requested extension of the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable; and
- K. The Commission has reviewed the Application and submissions and considers that the amendment to the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable for the review of the Application is warranted.

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**NOW THEREFORE** the Regulatory Agenda and Timetable for the review of the Application is amended and set out in Appendix A to this Order.

**DATED** at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey

Panel Chair and Commissioner

Attachment

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### AMENDED REGULATORY AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

ACTION	<b>DATES</b> (2007/08)
Commission Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, December 19
Plateau Response to Commission Information Request No. 1	Monday, January 7
Registration of Intervenors and Interested Parties	Friday, January 11
Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, January 16
Plateau Response to Commission Information Request No. 2 and Intervenor Information Request No. 1	Wednesday, February 13
Intervenor Information Request No. 2	Wednesday, February 20
Plateau Response to Intervenor Information Request No. 2	Wednesday, February 27
Intervenor Evidence	Wednesday, March 5
Plateau Information Request on Intervenor Evidence Commission Information Request on Intervenor Evidence	Wednesday, March 12
Intervenor Response to Plateau Information Request Intervenor Response to Commission Information Request	Wednesday, March 19
Submissions from Applicant and Intervenors on the Requirement for an Oral Hearing and Proposed dates for Written Argument	Monday, March 24