



ORDER NUMBER
G-35-22

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Utilities Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, Chapter 473

and

Plateau Pipe Line Ltd.
Application for Approval of Tolls for the Western System (North)

BEFORE:

C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
A. Pape-Salmon, Commissioner

on February 16, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On January 12, 2022, Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. (Plateau) applied to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), pursuant to sections 59 to 65(3.1) of the *Utilities Commission Act* (UCA), for approval of a proposed new Western System (North) Petroleum Toll Schedule (Toll Schedule) effective January 1, 2022 (Application);
- B. The Western System (North) pipeline is a crude oil pipeline providing northbound service from Taylor, BC to Prince George, BC;
- C. Pembina West Limited Partnership (PWLP), a limited partnership in which Plateau is the general partner, has entered into a Letter Agreement, effective January 1, 2022, with Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd. (Tidewater) relative to transportation services on the portion of the Western System (North) from Taylor to Tidewater's Prince George refinery (Letter Agreement);
- D. By Order G-148-16 dated September 22, 2016, the BCUC approved the Long Term Service Toll Settlement (LTSTS) Agreement between Plateau and two Shippers on the Western Pipeline System, effective September 1, 2016. Shippers who have not signed the LTSTS are subject to an interruptible service toll of 125 percent of the then-effective toll;
- E. On September 22, 2016, Order G-148-16 approved a toll of \$61.00/m³ for the Taylor to Prince George segment of the pipeline, effective September 1, 2016.
- F. In the Application, Plateau states that the Letter Agreement is the result of successful negotiations between sophisticated commercial parties. Further, Plateau states PWLP has not entered into any other transportation service agreements with potential customers relative to the Western System (North) and

notes that it has not received any other requests for service from shippers other than Tidewater in the last four years relative to the Western System (North);

- G. By letter dated January 26, 2022, Tidewater confirmed it has reviewed the Application and stated its support for approval of the Toll Schedule; and
- H. The BCUC has reviewed the Application and considers the establishment of a public hearing is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

- 1. A public hearing process is established in accordance with the regulatory timetable, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
- 2. Plateau is directed, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Friday March 4, 2022, to:
 - a) provide an electronic copy of this order to all affected, or potentially affected parties; and
 - b) post a copy of this order, the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order and the Application on Plateau's website.
- 3. Any party wishing to provide comments on the Application is invited to submit a letter of comment, by the date established in the attached regulatory timetable. Letters of comment must be in the Letter of Comment form available on the BCUC's website at: <https://www.bcuc.com/Forms/LetterOfComment> or by mail to the BCUC, Suite 410, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 16th day of February 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

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REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date (2022)
Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. to provide Notice of Application	Friday, March 4
Deadline to submit Letters of Comment	Friday, March 18



We want to hear from you

PLATEAU PIPE LINE LTD.'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TOLLS ON THE WESTERN SYSTEM (NORTH) PIPELINE

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Plateau has entered into a Letter Agreement, effective January 1, 2022, with Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd. (Tidewater) concerning the transportation services on the portion of the Western System (North) from Taylor, BC to Tidewater's refinery located in Prince George, BC.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**

For more information about the Application, please visit the [Proceeding Webpage](#) on bcuc.com under "Our Work – Proceedings". To learn more about getting involved, please visit our website at www.bcuc.com/get-involved or contact us at the information below.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Friday, March 18, 2022** – Deadline to submit a letter of comment with the BCUC

GET MORE INFORMATION

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