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# Attention: Ms. Sheri Young, Secretary of the Board

Dear Ms. Young:

# Re: Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (Foothills) Annual Surveillance Report For the Period Ended December 31, 2014

Enclosed for filing with the Board is a copy of Foothills' Annual Surveillance Report for the period ended December 31, 2014.

Foothills is notifying shippers of the availability of this filing in the Board's repository as well as on TransCanada's Foothills System website at the following address:

http://www.transcanada.com/customerexpress/934.html

Should the Board require additional information regarding this filing, please contact me by phone at (403) 920-4512 or by email at eman\_tadayoni@transcanada.com.

Yours truly, Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.

# Original signed by

Eman Tadayoni Regulatory Project Manager Regulatory Services

Attachment

cc: Foothills Firm and Interruptible Shippers

# Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.

# Annual Surveillance Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

The National Energy Board (NEB or Board) Annual Surveillance Report is a special purpose financial summary intended for the use of the NEB and its staff. The Report is provided to enable the Board to monitor the Company's utility operations in comparison with the revenues and expenditures used to determine tolls for the test year.

Pursuant to Guide BB of the Board's Filing Manual, Foothills submits its year-end report for 2014.

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#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES (ALTA.) LTD. - ZONE 6 INCOME SUMMARY For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

	NEB	Period		Variance	
Particulars	Accounts	Actual	Decision	(c) - (d)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
Revenue					
Transportation Revenue	300	60,763	64,507	(3,744)	
Special Charge	_	1,397	1,405	(8)	-
Total Revenue		62,160	65,912	(3,752)	-
Operating Expenses					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	301	6,015	5,865	150	
Fuel & Power	301	11,335	13,395	(2,060)	(1)
Emissions Compliance Costs	301	10	-	10	
Other Operating & Maintenance	301	10,464	11,671	(1,207)	(2)
Depreciation & Amortization	303-304	17,059	17,034	25	
Income Taxes	306	4,574	4,023	551	(3)
Taxes Other than Income	305	3,596	3,535	61	
NEB & NPA Cost Recovery	301	2,322	2,550	(228)	(4)
Total Operating Expenses	_	55,375	58,073	(2,698)	-
Operating Income		6,785	7,839	(1,054)	
Financial Charges		1,008	2,006	(998)	(5)
Special Charge		1,397	1,405	(8)	_
Equity Return	_	4,380	4,428	(48)	-
Return on Rate Base		4.97%	5.87%		
Return on Common Equity		10.10%	10.10%		
Average Rate Base		108,399	109,627		

### Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower spot power prices than forecast.

2) Variance is primarily due to lower pipe integrity, overhaul activities and field operation costs than forecast.

3) Variance is primarily due to lower tax deductions for capitalized repair and overhaul costs than forecast.

4) Variance is due to lower NEB Cost Recovery levies than forecast.

5) Variance is primarily due to lower financing rates than forecast.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES (ALTA.) LTD. - ZONE 7 INCOME SUMMARY For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

	NEB	Period		Variance	
Particulars	Accounts	Actual	Decision	(c) - (d)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
Revenue					
Transportation Revenue	300	9,796	10,436	(640)	
Special Charge	_	194	195	(1)	
Total Revenue	-	9,990	10,631	(641)	
Operating Expenses					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	301	835	814	21	
Other Operating & Maintenance	301	3,749	4,374	(625)	(1)
Depreciation & Amortization	303-304	2,967	2,990	(23)	
Income Taxes	306	761	693	68	
Taxes Other than Income	305	915	880	35	
NEB & NPA Cost Recovery	301	322	354	(32)	
Total Operating Expenses	-	9,549	10,105	(556)	
Operating Income		441	526	(85)	
Financial Charges		49	102	(53)	
Special Charge & Incentive Settlement	_	194	195	(1)	
Equity Return	_	198	229	(31)	
Return on Rate Base		5.04%	5.85%		
Return on Common Equity		10.10%	10.10%		
Average Rate Base		4,890	5,657		

### Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower land payments partially offset by higher pipe integrity activities than forecast.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES (SOUTH B.C.) LTD. - ZONE 8 INCOME SUMMARY For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

	NEB	Period		Variance	
Particulars	Accounts	Actual	Decision	(c) - (d)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
Revenue					
Transportation Revenue	300	63,154	64,387	(1,233)	
Special Charge	_	533	530	3	
Total Revenue	-	63,687	64,917	(1,230)	
Operating Expenses					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	301	2,296	2,214	82	
Fuel & Power	301	495	457	38	
Emissions Compliance Costs	301	6,059	5,371	688	(1)
Other Operating & Maintenance	301	11,016	10,133	883	(2)
Depreciation & Amortization	303-304	18,677	18,020	657	(3)
Income Taxes	306	4,255	6,167	(1,912)	(4)
Taxes Other than Income	305	7,718	7,770	(52)	
Fuel Tax	305	2,476	2,236	240	(1)
NEB & NPA Cost Recovery	301	894	961	(67)	
Total Operating Expenses	_	53,886	53,329	557	
Operating Income		9,801	11,588	(1,787)	
Financial Charges		1,719	3,448	(1,729)	(5)
Special Charge & Incentive Settlement		533	530	3	
Equity Return	-	7,549	7,610	(61)	
Return on Rate Base		4.96%	5.87%		
Return on Common Equity		10.10%	10.10%		
Average Rate Base		186,877	188,393		

#### Note:

1) Variance is due to higher compressor fuel use than forecast.

2) Variance is primarily due to higher pipe integrity and overhaul activities partially offset by higher capital related activities than forecast.

3) Variance is primarily due to higher capitalized overhaul expenditures than forecast.

4) Variance is primarily due to higher tax deductions for capitalized repair and overhaul costs than forecast.

5) Variance is primarily due to lower financing rates than forecast.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES (SASK) LTD. - ZONE 9 INCOME SUMMARY For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

	NEB	Period		Variance	
Particulars	Accounts	Actual	Decision	(c) - (d)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
Revenue					
Transportation Revenue	300	45,796	48,317	(2,521)	
Special Charge		146	140	6	
Total Revenue	-	45,942	48,457	(2,515)	
Operating Expenses					
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	301	628	584	44	
Fuel & Power	301	594	767	(173)	
Other Operating & Maintenance	301	3,891	5,003	(1,112)	(1)
Depreciation & Amortization	303-304	19,446	19,557	(111)	
Income Taxes	306	6,952	6,303	649	(2)
Taxes Other than Income	305	4,451	4,438	13	
Fuel Tax	305	613	737	(124)	
NEB & NPA Cost Recovery	301	273	245	28	
Total Operating Expenses	-	36,848	37,634	(786)	
Operating Income		9,094	10,823	(1,729)	
Financial Charges		1,660	3,330	(1,670)	(3)
Special Charge & Incentive Settlement		146	140	6	
Equity Return	-	7,288	7,353	(65)	•
Return on Rate Base		4.96%	5.87%		
Return on Common Equity		10.10%	10.10%		
Average Rate Base		180,397	181,981		

### Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower pipe integrity and overhaul activities than forecast.

2) Variance is primarily due to lower capitalized repair and overhaul, and CCA deductions, than forecast.

3) Variance is primarily due to lower financing rates than forecast.

## FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. - Zone 6 AVERAGE RATE BASE For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

Particulars	Period Actual	Decision	Variance (b) - (c)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Plant in Service				
Net Plant	100,884	101,856	(972)	(1)
Working Capital				
Linepack	2,577	2,577	-	
Prepayments and Deposits	99	99	-	
Cash	4,053	4,307	(254)	(2)
Inventory	786	788	(2)	
Total Working Capital	7,515	7,771	(256)	
Total Average Rate Base	108,399	109,627	(1,228)	

## Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower opening Net Plant balance than forecast.

2) Variance is primarily due to lower operating and maintenance costs than forecast.

## FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. - Zone 7 AVERAGE RATE BASE For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

Particulars	Period Actual	Decision	Variance (b) - (c)	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Plant in Service				
Net Plant	3,206	3,929	(723)	(1)
Working Capital				
Linepack	1,039	1,039	-	
Cash	645	689	(44)	
Total Working Capital	1,684	1,728	(44)	
Total Average Rate Base	4,890	5,657	(767)	

# Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower capital additions than forecast.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. - Zone 8 AVERAGE RATE BASE For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

	Period		Variance	
Particulars	Actual	Decision	(b) - (c)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Plant in Service				
Net Plant	180,189	182,042	(1,853)	(1)
Working Capital				
Linepack	1,473	1,473	-	
Cash	3,096	2,705	391	(2)
Inventory	2,119	2,173	(54)	
Total Working Capital	6,688	6,351	337	
Total Average Rate Base	186,877	188,393	(1,516)	

### Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to lower opening Net Plant balances partially offset by higher capital additions than forecast.

2) Variance is primarily due to higher operating and maintenance costs than forecast.

## FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. - Zone 9 AVERAGE RATE BASE For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

Particulars	Period Actual	Decision	Variance (b) - (c)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
Plant in Service				
Net Plant	176,623	178,037	(1,414)	(1)
Working Capital				
Linepack	2,316	2,316	-	
Cash	773	938	(165)	
Inventory	685	690	(5)	
Total Working Capital	3,774	3,944	(170)	
Total Average Rate Base	180,397	181,981	(1,584)	

# Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to timing of capital additions and lower opening Net Plant balance than forecast.

### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. THROUGHPUT DETAIL For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (TJ)

			2014	2014	Variance	
Particulars	Service	Zone	Actual	Decision <sup>(1)</sup>	(b-c)	Note
(a)			(b)	(c)	(d)	
Canadian Volumes:	FT	8	34,903	-	34,903	(2)
	STFT	8	77	-	77	
	IT	8	2,919	-	2,919	(2)
Export Volumes:	FT	8	567,590	661,466	(93,876)	(3)
	STFT	8	63,445	29,509	33,936	(3)
	IT	8	21,908	9,836	12,072	(3)
Total Volumes:			690,842	700,811	(9,969)	
Canadian Volumes:	FT	9	13,704	-	13,704	(2)
	SGS-1	9	60	56	4	
	IT	9	3,047	-	3,047	(2)
Export Volumes:	FT	9	116,045	127,248	(11,203)	(3)
	STFT	9	342,870	502,440	(159,570)	(3)
	IT	9	98,571	126,353	(27,782)	(3)
Total Volumes:			574,297	756,097	(181,800)	
Other Volumes:	FT	6				(4)
	FT	7				(4)

## Note:

1) Forecast prepared based on contracts as at October 1, 2013.

2) The forecast for Canadian volumes was included in the forecast for export volumes.

3) Throughput is dependent on customer contracting behaviours and market conditions and therefore can fluctuate.

4) All capacity is contracted to NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. PAYROLL STATISTICS Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

Particulars	Period Actual	Decision	Variance (b) - (c)	Note
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	11010
Salaries & Wages				
Total Regular Salaries & Wages	6,736	8,855	(2,119)	(1)
Incentive compensation	3,252	3,231	21	
Ancillary and other	870	761	109	
Total Gross Salaries	10,858	12,847	(1,989)	-
Charged to Construction & Other	(3,084)	(5,894)	2,810	(2)
Gross Salaries Charged to Cost of Service	7,774	6,953	821	-
Employee Benefits				
Total Benefits	1,953	2,524	(571)	(1)
Pension/Benefit Adjustment	47	-	47	_
Benefits Charged to Cost of Service	2,000	2,524	(524)	_

### Note:

(1) Variance is primarily due to lower allocated salaried employees than forecast.

(2) Mainly due to lower charge-outs to other TransCanada business lines than forecast.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. PAYROLL STATISTICS Average Allocated Employees For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Period		Variance	
Particulars (a)	Actual (b)	Decision (c)	(b) - (c) (d)	Note
Total Regular Employees	61	81	(20)	(1)
Charged to Construction & Other	(15)	(29)	14	(2)
Employees Charged to Cost of Service	46	52	(6)	

## Note:

1) Variance is primarily due to salaried employees redeployed to other lines of business.

2) Mainly due to lower charge-outs to other TransCanada business lines than forecast.

## FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. DEFERRAL ACCOUNTS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

### Particulars

Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. is regulated on a cost of service basis and over or under-collections are adjusted in tolls annually.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. YEAR END REPORT - PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Note</u>
Α.	Total Revenue Requirement per Throughput Km (\$/10 <sup>6</sup> m³-km)	11.4	11.3	10.9	10.8	11.2	
В.	Operating Expenses per Throughput Km (\$/10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> -km)	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.7	8.6	
C.	Operating Expenses per Average Gross Plant in Service (%)	7.2%	6.9%	7.3%	7.5%	7.6%	
D.	Administrative and General Expenses per Employee (\$'000s)	201.2	219.2	253.4	264.8	380.0	
E.	Administrative and General Expenses per Throughput Km (\$/1ປໍ່m <sup>3</sup> -km)	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	
F.	Net Plant per Throughput Km (\$/10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> -km)	36.5	35.5	31.3	29.0	29.7	
G.	Throughput Km per Employee (10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> -km)	276,325	270,512	292,654	303,021	351,706	
н.	Fuel and Power Costs per Throughput Km (\$/10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> -km)	0.79	1.03	1.00	1.07	0.77	
I.	Average Salary per Employee (\$'000s) In this measure employees excludes contract personnel directly involved in the operation of Foothills.	103.6	107.2	109.4	112.6	113.0	(1)
J.	Average Benefits per Employee (\$'000s) In this measure employees excludes contract personnel directly involved in the operation of Foothills.	27.0	27.6	30.1	30.9	33.1	(1)
к.	Actual and Approved Rates of Return on Equity	9.70%	9.70%	9.70%	10.10%	10.10%	
L.	Actual Rate of Return on Rate Base	6.78%	6.97%	7.37%	6.85%	4.96%	
Note	Approved Rate of Return on Rate Base	6.83%	7.06%	7.22%	6.99%	5.87%	

1) Average salary and associated benefits for a TransCanada employee.

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. INTERCORPORATE TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

(includes total transactions greater than \$100,000)

- Summary Receipts -

Contracting Party	Nature of Service	(\$000s)	Ref. Sch.#
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.	Transportation Service and Sales of Inventory	75,478	8.2
Grand Total		75,478	

# FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. INTERCORPORATE TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

(includes total transactions greater than \$100,000)

### - Summary Payments -

Contracting Party	Nature of Service	(\$000s)	Ref. Sch.#
TransCanada PipeLines Limited	Interest Payments	3,480	8.3
TransCanada Turbines	Repair and Overhaul	1,028	8.3
Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation	Gas Nominations & Scheduling Service	288	8.3
TransCanada PipeLines Limited Canadian Mainline	Purchase of Inventory	245	8.3
NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.	Purchase of Inventory	437	8.3
Grand Total		5.478	

### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. INTERCORPORATE TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

#### - Receipts -

Contracting Parties: NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.

Nature Of Service: Gas Transportation and Sales of Inventory

Description:

Transportation services associated with the movement of gas on the Foothills system, billed in accordance with Foothills Pipe Lines tolls. Sales of Inventory.

	Gas Transportation	Sale of Inventory	Total
Amount	75,359	119	75,478

#### FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. INTERCORPORATE TRANSACTIONS For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (\$000s)

### - Payments -

Contracting Parties:	TransCanada PipeLine	TransCanada PipeLines Limited			
Nature Of Service:	Interest Payments	Interest Payments			
Description:	Interest payments on L	Interest payments on Long-term Debt			
		Interest Payments			
	Amount	3,480			
Contracting Parties:	TransCanada Turbines	;			
Nature Of Service:	Repair and Overhaul	Repair and Overhaul			
Description:	Repair and Overhaul of	Repair and Overhaul of Compressor Units			
		Repair and Overhaul			
	Amount	1,028			
Contracting Parties: Nature Of Service:	Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation (GTNC)				
Description:	Gas Nominations & Scheduling Service				
Description.	Agreement with GTNC to provide nomination and scheduling services to Zone 8 custome Gas Nominations &				
		Scheduling Service			
	Amount	288			
Contracting Parties:	TransCanada Pipelines Limited Canadian Mainline				
Nature Of Service:	Purchase of Inventory				
Description:	Purchase of Inventory				
		Purchase of Inventory			
	Amount	245			
Contracting Parties:	NOVA Gas Transmissi	NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.			
Nature Of Service:	Purchase of Inventory	Purchase of Inventory			
Description:	Purchase of Inventory				
		Purchase of Inventory			

Amount

437