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PLATEAU ABANDONMENT OF SERVICE FOR WESTERN SYSTEM (SOUTH) EXHIBIT A-2-1
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**Re: Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. ("Plateau") – Abandonment of Service for the Western System (South)
Project No. 1399354 – Regulatory Timetable – Order G-233-22A – Amended Order**

Dear Ms. Oleniuk:

Enclosed please find British Columbia Utilities Commission Order G-233-22A, replacing Order G-233-22 due to a typographical error in the date the order was signed.

No other changes have been made to the order.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Sara Hardgrave
Acting Commission Secretary

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ORDER NUMBER
G-233-22A

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

and

Plateau Pipe Line Ltd.
Abandonment of Service for the Western System (south)

BEFORE:

C. M. Brewer, Panel Chair
B. A. Magnan, Commissioner
W. M. Everett, QC, Commissioner

on August 17, 2022

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. (On June 14, 2022, pursuant to sections 65 and 72(2) of the Utilities Commission Act (UCA), Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. (Plateau), as general partner of Pembina West Limited Partnership (PWLP), filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), for an order approving the abandonment of service as a common carrier on the southern segment (Southern Segment) of the Western Pipeline System (Western System), (Application);
- B. The Western System is a crude oil pipeline constructed in 1961 that comprises two sections. The Northern Segment runs south from Taylor, BC to Prince George, BC. The Southern Segment of the Western System runs from Prince George, BC to Kamloops, BC;
- C. By Order P-7-00, dated September 14, 2000, the BCUC determined that Pembina Pipeline Corporation (Pembina), as owner of the Western System, as a common carrier for the purposes of Part 7 of the Pipeline Act;
- D. Common Carriers are regulated pursuant to section 65 of the UCA, which in part, states:

65 (1) In this section, "common carrier" means a person declared to be a common carrier by the commission under subsection (2) (a).

65 (3.1) Without limiting subsection (2) (b) or (3), the commission may establish conditions with respect to a common carrier in relation to any of the following matters:

- (a) a toll that may be charged by the common carrier;
- (b) extensions, improvements, or abandonment of service.

- E. By Order G-55-16, dated April 28, 2016, the BCUC approved tolls of \$114.00/m³ for the Western System, comprising of \$79.00/m³ for the Southern Segment, effective May 1, 2016. The BCUC subsequently approved tolls by Orders G-137-16 and G-148-16, effective September 1, 2016;
- F. In the Application, Plateau submits the Southern Segment has no current throughput due to the absence of nominations. It further submits that nominations declined from an historical 3 shippers to a single shipper by the beginning of 2016, and that there have been no nominations for either firm or interruptible volumes from shippers since September 2016;
- G. Plateau states that the Southern Segment requires significant work to ensure safe and reliable service, in the amount of approximately \$12 to \$22 million per year, with the first year estimated at \$45 million, should a shipper request transportation service;
- H. Plateau states the tolls, considered uneconomic by shippers, as evidenced by the lack of demand for service and the cost of pipeline integrity activities, means the Southern Segment is no longer a competitive or viable option, is no longer used and useful, and has reached the end of its economic life;
- I. Plateau confirms that the abandonment of service and the deactivation of the Southern Segment will not be financed by increased tolls for shippers on the Northern Segment and costs to deactivate the Southern Segment will not be recovered from Southern Segment shippers or from tolls on the Northern System;
- J. Plateau submits that the abandonment of common carrier service on the Southern Segment is reasonable and in the public interest and requests an order from the BCUC that Plateau, PWLP and Pembina are no longer required to provide common carrier service on the Southern Segment; and
- K. The BCUC determines that the establishment of a public hearing and regulatory timetable for review of the Application is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE the BCUC orders as follows:

1. A regulatory timetable for the review of the Application is established, as set out in Appendix A to this order.
2. Plateau is directed, as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than Thursday, August 25, 2022, to:
 - a. provide an electronic copy of this order and Public Notice to all affected or potentially affected parties including but not limited to landowners, all First Nations and other indigenous communities in the area and all previous shippers on the Southern Segment; and
 - b. post a copy of this order and the Public Notice attached as Appendix B to this order on Plateau's website.
3. Plateau is directed to publish the Public Notice of this order on all its current social media platforms, on or before Thursday, August 25, 2022.
4. Plateau is directed to provide confirmation of compliance with Directives 2 and 3 by Thursday, August 25, 2022. Such confirmation shall include a list of all parties notified.

5. In accordance with the BCUC [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#), parties who wish to participate in the proceeding may submit a letter of comment, or register as an interested party, 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> and submitted by e-mail to commission.secretary@bcuc.com.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of August 2022.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

C. M. Brewer
Commissioner

Attachment

Plateau Pipe Line Ltd.
Application for Abandonment of Service for the Western System (south)

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

Action	Date
Plateau to provide public notice	Thursday, August 25
Plateau to provide compliance with public notice	Thursday, August 25
BCUC Information Request (IR) No. 1 to Plateau	Thursday, September 8
Plateau responses to BCUC IR No. 1	Tuesday, September 20
Deadline to submit letters of comment	Tuesday, September 27
Plateau response to letters of comment	Tuesday, October 4
Further Process	To be determined



We want to hear from you

Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. Application for Abandonment of Service for the Western System (Southern Segment)

On June 14, 2022, Plateau Pipe Line Ltd. (Plateau) submitted an application to the BCUC for approval for the abandonment of service as a common carrier on the Southern Segment of its Western pipeline system.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Submit a letter of comment**

IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Tuesday, September 27, 2022** – Deadline to file letters of comment to the BCUC

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.

GET MORE INFORMATION

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