

What Large Volume Gas Customers said about Energy East Project

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Overview

- Elenchus retained to consult with natural gas customers to better understand their views on Energy East and Eastern Mainline Pipeline Project
- This is a summary of their key messages



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Approach

- Elenchus met with a variety of individual large customers, customer associations and LDCs to better understand their views, including:
 - Industrial Gas Users Association (IGUA)
 - Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)
 - Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
 - Schools Energy Coalition
 - Energy Retailers
 - LDCs (Union, Enbridge, Utilities Kingston, Kitchener Utilities)
 - Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (AMPCO)



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Project Details

Energy East Project

- Transfer of 3,000 km of 42"
- Net book value \$ 1 B
- 1,500 km of new oil pipeline
- In-service Q4 2018

Eastern Mainline Project

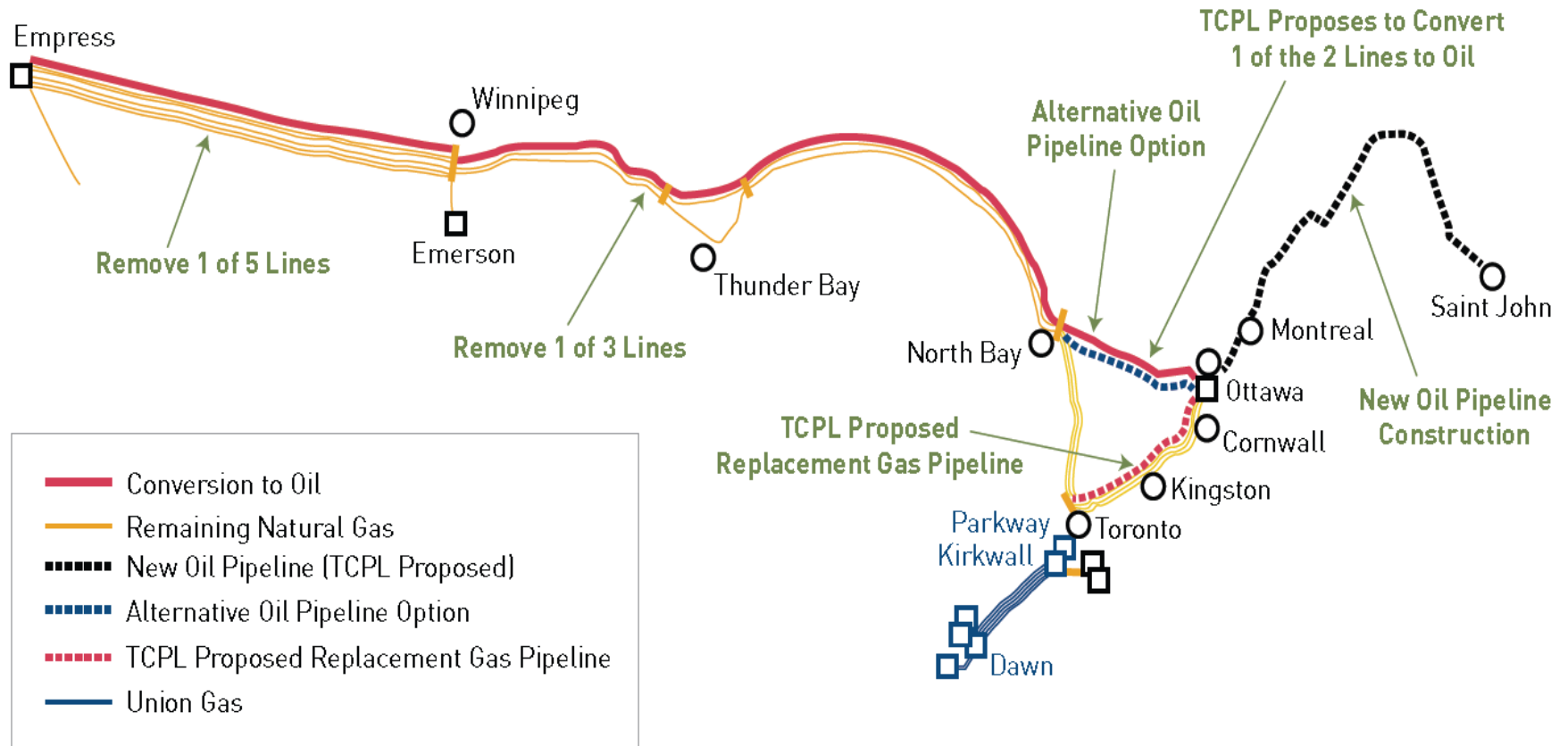
- Markham to Cornwall
- 575 TJ/d vs 1,200 TJ/d of NBS capacity removed
- Capital Cost \$1.5 B
- In-service 2017



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Energy East & Eastern Mainline Projects



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Support Pipeline Transfer West of North Bay

- No capacity concerns west of North Bay
- Assets should be transferred at fair price



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Concerns for Transferring North Bay Shortcut (NBS)

- Capacity has been fully utilized in recent past
- Solution: Start new oil line in North Bay
- Alternatively ensure sufficient capacity constructed to meet current and reasonable net growth
- LDCs submitting requests for additional capacity



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Asset Transfer Price Should be Fair

- No single view on what is “fair”
- Solution: cost neutrality in Eastern Triangle to 2040
- TransCanada proposed \$500 M contribution



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Risk Higher Tolls

- Due to
 - Future growth (up to 1,200 TJ/d)
 - Cost overruns in EMP
 - Use of a 36" vs a 42" for EMP
 - Costs to refurbish idled NOL capacity
- Increased fuel



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Commodity Price Risk

- Loss of capacity will impact secondary markets
 - Higher gas prices in ET
 - Higher prices could also increase price of electricity when gas-fired generation in ET is on margin
 - May also increase price volatility



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More Onerous Commercial Terms

- New capacity – 15 year term
- Some customers are unable to contract long term
 - Barrier for new investment and maintaining existing investment in Ontario
 - May undermine natural gas generation competition and operation
- Long lead time for new capacity



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Potentially Higher O&M Costs and Reduced Reliability

- Newest NOL line transferred to Energy East
- Existing older gas pipelines may be more susceptible to:
 - Risks of higher O&M
 - Reliability concerns



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Customers Need Additional Information

- Long term tolls
- Future facility costs and toll impacts
- Cost benefit of 42" vs 36" in EMP
- Long term tolling impact of \$500 M contribution



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Some Customers Want New Services

- New Services to recognize the new environment
 - Risk transfer of economic activity out of Ontario
 - Generators may need new services to reflect system changes and changes to Ontario power market
- LDCs investigating alternative distribution services



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Implications of LDC Contracting for FT

- LDCs would like clarity on policy implications of :
 - Contracting for direct purchase customers
 - Advance capacity to meet growth requirements



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