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The Honorable Kimberly Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: TransCanada Alaska Company LLC, Docket No. PF09-11-001

Dear Ms. Bose:

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above-referenced matter is the Request for Commission Approval of Detailed Plan for Conducting an Open Season, submitted by TransCanada Alaska Company LLC ("TC Alaska"). Also included and made a part of this submission are three files constituting a three-volume set of Open Season Plan Documents. Volume I of the Open Season Plan Documents contains the proposed Open Season Notice and, as Appendix A to the Notice, a proposed precedent agreement. Volume II contains, as Appendix B to the Notice, the In-State Needs Study required by 18 C.F.R. Section 157.34(b) and related exhibits. Volume III contains, as Appendix C to the Notice, the information required by 18 C.F.R. Section 157.34(c) and related exhibits A-L. The entire submission is Public.

This filing is being made pursuant to Section 157.38 of the Commission's Regulations governing Open Seasons for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, 18 C.F.R. § 157.38, and Rule 204 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.204, in order to obtain Commission approval of TC Alaska's Plan for conducting the upcoming Open Season in connection with its Alaska Pipeline Project ("APP" or "Project"). Once completed, the Project will consist of a FERC jurisdictional gas treatment plant ("GTP") near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, which will treat North Slope gas for pipeline transportation, and a FERC jurisdictional gas transmission pipeline from the outlet of the Point Thomson plant in Alaska to the GTP and from there, either to (1) the Alaska/Canada border for onward delivery to Alberta, Canada or (2) Valdez, Alaska. The Project is being advanced on behalf of TC Alaska by subsidiaries of TransCanada Corporation and Exxon Mobil Corporation. If approved by the Commission, the APP Open Season will commence on April 30, 2010, and conclude on July 30, 2010.

Section 157.38 of the Commission's Regulations provides that upon receipt of a request for approval of an open season plan, "the Secretary of the Commission shall issue a notice of the request, which will then be published in the Federal Register. The notice shall establish a date

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on which comments from interested persons are due and a date, which shall be within 60 days of receipt of the prospective applicant's request unless otherwise directed by the Commission, by which the Commission will act on the proposed plan."

In order to insure that the Commission has a complete, balanced record at the time it acts on the proposed plan, and is otherwise adequately informed, APP submits that, in addition to comments, the Commission should permit the filing of reply comments pursuant to its authority under Rule 213 (a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.213 (a)(2). APP in particular desires an opportunity to reply to any comments that are submitted regarding the proposed Open Season Plan. Without the benefit of a reply from APP, the Commission's decision may be based upon incomplete or incorrect information.

Unless the Commission otherwise directs, it must act on the proposed plan within 60 days from today (*i.e.* by March 30, 2010). *See* 18 C.F.R. 157.38. APP proposes that this 60 days be allocated by giving interested parties 30 days to file any comments (*i.e.*, by March 1, 2010), APP 15 days in which to file reply comments (*i.e.*, by March 16, 2010) and the Commission 15 days in which to consider and act on any issues that are raised. Recognizing that the Commission may desire more than 15 days, APP requests that at a minimum it be allowed at least half as much time for reply comments as other parties are allowed to submit initial comments.

APP is submitting herewith a proposed notice establishing due dates for comments and reply comments as stated above.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (202) 736-8206.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure