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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**April 18, 2011**

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**TC PipeLines, LP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

**000-26091**

**52-2135448**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**13710 FNB Parkway**  
**Omaha, NE**

**68154-05200**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(877) 290-2772**

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(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 18, 2011, the Board of Directors of TC PipeLines GP, Inc., the general partner of TC PipeLines, LP (the “Partnership”), increased the size of the Board to eight members and appointed Mr. Malyn Malquist, 58, as a director to the Board. The Board of Directors determined that Mr. Malquist qualifies as an independent director under applicable NASDAQ and SEC rules. At the time of his appointment, he also was selected to serve as a member of the Partnership’s Audit Committee. Mr. Malquist was not selected as a director pursuant to any arrangement or understanding with any person, and there are no related party transactions between Mr. Malquist and the Partnership.

Mr. Malquist is an executive with more than 30 years’ experience serving in a variety of business, operations and financial roles. Mr. Malquist currently serves on the Board of Directors of Headwaters Incorporated, an NYSE-listed company that develops and commercializes technologies that enhance the value of coal, gas, oil and other natural resources. From May 2006 to March 2009, Mr. Malquist served as Executive Vice-President of Avista Corporation (“Avista”), an energy production, transmission and distribution company. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Avista from November 2002 to September 2008, Treasurer from February 2004 to January 2006 and Senior Vice-President from September 2002 to May 2006. Prior to his employment at Avista, Mr. Malquist held various positions at Sierra Pacific Resources, an electricity provider, including President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer from January 1998 to April 2000 and various Senior Vice-President positions from 1994 to 1998.

Through his extensive prior management experience, including serving as chief financial officer and chief executive officer of various energy companies, Mr. Malquist brings extensive knowledge regarding financial operations, energy risk management and knowledge of the energy industry. His valuable management and financial expertise includes an understanding of the accounting and financial matters that the Partnership and industry address on a regular basis. As a current director of another energy company, Mr. Malquist’s experience is applicable to many of the matters routinely facing the Partnership, including making valuable contributions to the Partnership’s Audit Committee.

Mr. Malquist holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Brigham Young University.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On April 19, 2011, the Partnership issued a press release entitled “TC PipeLines, GP Appoints New Independent Director.” The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the following information shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release dated April 19, 2011.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**TC PipeLines, LP**  
by: TC PipeLines GP, Inc.,  
its general partner

By: /s/ Donald J. DeGrandis  
Donald J. DeGrandis  
Secretary

Dated: April 19, 2011



# NewsRelease

## TC PipeLines, GP Appoints New Independent Director

OMAHA, Nebraska – **April 19, 2011** – (NASDAQ: TCLP) - The Board of Directors of TC PipeLines, GP, Inc., general partner of TC PipeLines, LP (the Partnership) yesterday appointed a new independent director to its board. TC PipeLines, GP, Inc. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation (TransCanada) and a common unitholder of the Partnership.

Malyn Malquist is appointed as an Independent Director, effective April 18, 2011, and will serve as a member of the Partnership's audit committee. Mr. Malquist is an executive with more than 30 years experience serving in a variety of increasingly responsible business, operations and financial roles that included:

- Avista Corporation: Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer
- Sierra Pacific Resources: President and Chief Executive Officer; Senior Vice-President, Power; and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Malquist, currently serves on the Board of Directors of Headwaters Incorporated, an NYSE-listed company that develops and commercializes technologies that enhance the value of coal, gas, oil and other natural resources.

Mr. Malquist holds a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Business Administration degree from Brigham Young University.

“Over the past several years, TC PipeLines, LP has continued to grow, and we welcome Mr. Malquist's enthusiasm and experience as we continue to execute our long-term business strategies,” said Mr. Gregory Lohnes, Chairman, TC PipeLines, GP, Inc.

TC PipeLines, LP has interests in over 3,900 miles of federally regulated U.S. interstate natural gas pipelines including Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, Northern Border Pipeline Company, North Baja Pipeline, LLC and Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company. These pipelines serve markets across the United States and Eastern Canada. TC PipeLines, LP is managed by its general partner, TC PipeLines GP, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation. TC PipeLines GP, Inc. also holds common units of TC PipeLines, LP. Common units of TC PipeLines, LP are quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market and trade under the symbol “TCLP.” For more information about TC PipeLines, LP, visit the Partnership's website at [www.tcpipelineslp.com](http://www.tcpipelineslp.com).

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### Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This news release may include “forward-looking statements” regarding future events and the future financial performance of TC PipeLines, LP. All statements other than statements of historical fact included or incorporated herein may constitute forward-looking statements. Words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “forecast,” “project,” “may,” “plan,” “strategy,” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are based on the Partnership’s current beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Partnership. These statements reflect the Partnership’s current views with respect to future events and are not guarantees of performance. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to materially differ from the Partnership’s current expectations include the demand for Great Lakes and Northern Border transportation in the future; the risk of a prolonged slowdown in growth or decline in the U.S. economy or the risk of delay in growth recovery in the U.S. economy; regulatory decisions, particularly those of the FERC; the ability of Great Lakes and Northern Border to recontract their available capacity on competitive terms; the Partnership’s ability to identify and/or consummate accretive growth opportunities from TransCanada Corporation or others; the ability to access capital and credit markets with competitive rates and terms; operational decisions of the operator of our pipeline systems; the failure of a shipper on any one of the Partnership’s pipelines to perform its contractual obligations; supply of natural gas in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin and in competing basins, such as the Rocky Mountains; future demand for natural gas; overcapacity in the industry; success of other pipelines competing with Northern Border and Great Lakes by bringing competing U.S.-sourced gas to Northern Border’s and Great Lakes’ markets; and other risks inherent in the transportation of natural gas as discussed in the Partnership’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently completed fiscal year and its subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. These filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC’s website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) and via the Partnership’s website ([www.tcpipelineslp.com](http://www.tcpipelineslp.com)). The Partnership disclaims any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, occurring after the date hereof.

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