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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended MARCH 31, 2004

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-26091
TC PIPELINES, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

52-2135448

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

110 Turnpike Road, Suite 203
Westborough, Massachusetts

01581

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

508-871-7046

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of May 7, 2004 there were 16,563,564 of the registrant's common units outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TC PIPELINES, LP
 STATEMENT OF INCOME

THREE MONTHS
 ENDED MARCH
 31
 (UNAUDITED)
 (MILLIONS OF
 DOLLARS,
 EXCEPT PER
 UNIT AMOUNTS)
 2004 2003 - -

Equity Income
 from
 Investment in
 Northern
 Border
 Pipeline 12.5
 11.0 Equity
 Income from
 Investment in
 Tuscarora 1.8
 1.3 General
 and
 Administrative
 Expenses
 (0.5) (0.4)
 Financial
 Charges (0.1)

Net Income
 13.7 11.9 ---

- NET INCOME
 ALLOCATION
 Common units
 12.4 10.3
 Subordinated
 units 0.7 1.2
 General
 partner 0.6
 0.4 -----

 13.7 11.9 ---

- Net Income
 per Unit
 \$0.75 \$0.66 -

--- Units
 Outstanding
 (millions)
 17.5 17.5 ---

 --- ASSETS
 Current
 Assets Cash
 2.3 7.5
 Investment
 in Northern
 Border
 Pipeline
 258.2 240.7
 Investment
 in Tuscarora
 40.2 39.9 --

 ----- 300.7
 288.1 -----

 LIABILITIES
 AND
 PARTNERS'
 EQUITY
 Current
 Liabilities
 Accounts
 payable 0.7
 0.6 Current
 portion of
 long-term
 debt - 5.5
 Long-Term
 Debt 14.5 -
 Partners'
 Equity
 Common units
 263.8 260.4
 Subordinated
 units 14.2
 13.9 General
 partner 6.0
 6.1 Other
 comprehensive
 income 1.5
 1.6 -----

 285.5 282.0

 300.7 288.1

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

THREE MONTHS ENDED
 MARCH 31
 (UNAUDITED)
 (MILLIONS OF
 DOLLARS) 2004 2003

----- CASH
GENERATED FROM
OPERATIONS Net
income 13.7 11.9
Add/(Deduct):
Distributions
received (less
than)/in excess of
equity income
(0.4) 1.7
Decrease/(Increase)
in operating
working capital
0.1 (0.1) -----

13.4 13.5 -----

INVESTING
ACTIVITIES Return
of capital from
Northern Border
Pipeline 2.0 -
Investment in
Northern Border
Pipeline (19.5) -
Investment in
Tuscarora - (3.3)

----- (17.5)
(3.3) -----

FINANCING
ACTIVITIES
Distributions paid
(10.1) (9.6) Long-
term debt
issued/(repaid)
9.0 (3.0) -----

(1.1) (12.6) -----

--- DECREASE IN
CASH (5.2) (2.4)
CASH, BEGINNING OF
PERIOD 7.5 6.4 ---

----- CASH, END OF
PERIOD 2.3 4.0 ---

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

TC PipeLines, LP, and its subsidiary limited partnerships, TC PipeLines

Intermediate Limited Partnership and TC Tuscarora Intermediate Limited Partnership, all Delaware limited partnerships, are collectively referred to herein as TC PipeLines or the Partnership. The Partnership commenced operations on May 28, 1999.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Other comprehensive income recorded by TC PipeLines arises through its equity investments in Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border Pipeline) and Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) and relates to cash flow hedges transacted by Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora. Amounts are stated in United States dollars.

Since a determination of many assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses is dependent upon future events, the preparation of these financial statements requires the use of estimates and assumptions which have been made using careful judgment. In the opinion of management, these financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the financial position as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full fiscal year. The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's financial statements and notes included in TC PipeLines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY

The Partnership owns a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline, a partnership which owns a 1,249-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from the Montana-Saskatchewan border to markets in the midwestern United States. The remaining 70% partnership interest in Northern Border Pipeline is held by Northern Border Partners, L.P., a publicly traded limited partnership. The 2% general partnership interest in Northern Border Partners, L.P. is controlled by affiliates of Enron Corp. (Enron), which hold a 1.65% general partner interest, and TransCanada Corporation (TransCanada), parent of TC PipeLines' general partner, which holds the remaining 0.35% general partner interest. The Northern Border pipeline system is operated by Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Enron. Northern Border Pipeline is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

TC PipeLines uses the equity method of accounting for its investment in Northern Border Pipeline. TC PipeLines' equity income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 includes 30% of the net income of Northern Border Pipeline for the same periods. There were no undistributed earnings from Northern Border Pipeline as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The following sets out summarized financial information representing 100% of the operations of Northern Border Pipeline for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS
ENDED MARCH 31
(UNAUDITED)
(MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS) 2004
2003 - -----

NORTHERN BORDER
PIPELINE INCOME
STATEMENT

64.7	62.3
Reserves and deferred credits	5.0
5.1 Long-term debt, net of current maturities	767.6
Partners' Equity	821.5
Partners' capital	855.8
Accumulated other comprehensive income	797.2
4.8	
5.2	-----

1,697.9	
1,691.3	----

NOTE 3 INVESTMENT IN TUSCARORA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

The Partnership owns a 49% general partner interest in Tuscarora, a partnership that owns a 240-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from Oregon, where it interconnects with facilities of Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, to northern Nevada. The remaining general partner interests in Tuscarora are held 50% by Sierra Pacific Resources and 1% by TransCanada. The Tuscarora pipeline system is operated by Tuscarora Gas Operating Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Pacific Resources. Sierra Pacific Power Company, a subsidiary of Sierra Pacific Resources, is Tuscarora's largest shipper, accounting for approximately 68% of Tuscarora's available capacity. Tuscarora is regulated by the FERC.

The Partnership uses the equity method of accounting for its investment in Tuscarora. TC PipeLines' equity income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 represents 49% of the net income of Tuscarora for the same periods. Retained earnings of TC PipeLines as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 include undistributed earnings from Tuscarora of \$0.3 million and zero, respectively. The following sets out summarized financial information representing 100% of the operations of Tuscarora for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

THREE
MONTHS
ENDED MARCH
31
(UNAUDITED)
(MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS)
2004 2003 -

TUSCARORA		
INCOME		
STATEMENT		
Revenues		
8.3	7.4	
Costs and		
expenses		
(1.2)	(1.2)	
Depreciation		
(1.6)	(1.6)	
Financial		
charges		
(1.5)	(1.6)	
Net income		
4.0	3.0	---

Tuscarora has recorded other comprehensive income of less than \$0.1 million and \$(0.1) million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

MARCH 31,
2004
December 31,
2003
(MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS)
(UNAUDITED)
(AUDITED) -

TUSCARORA		
BALANCE		
SHEET ASSETS		
Cash and		
cash		
equivalents		
7.1	1.8	
Other		
current		
assets		
3.0		
4.3		
Plant,		
property and		
equipment,		
net		
140.5		
Other		
assets		
1.5		
1.6		
152.1	149.6	
LIABILITIES		
AND		

PARTNERS'	
EQUITY	
Current	
liabilities	
8.3	6.7
Long-term	
debt	80.8
80.8	
Partners'	
Equity	
Partners'	
capital	62.9
62.0	
Accumulated	
other	
comprehensive	
income	0.1
0.1	-----

152.1	149.6

NOTE 4 CREDIT FACILITIES AND LONG-TERM DEBT

On March 8, 2004 the Partnership renewed its unsecured credit facility (Revolving Credit Facility) with Bank One, NA, as administrative agent. Under the renewed Revolving Credit Facility, the Partnership may borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$30.0 million. Loans under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest, at the option of the Partnership, at a one-, two-, three-, or six-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.25% or at a floating rate based on the higher of the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5% and the prime rate. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on February 28, 2006. Amounts borrowed may be repaid in part or in full prior to that time without penalty. The Revolving Credit Facility may be used to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline, Tuscarora, and any other entity in which the Partnership directly or indirectly acquires an interest, to fund working capital and for other general business purposes, including temporary funding of cash distributions to unitholders and the general partner, if necessary. In the first quarter of 2004, the Partnership had drawings on the Revolving Credit Facility of \$9.0 million. The Partnership had \$14.5 million and \$5.5 million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. The interest rate on the Revolving Credit Facility averaged 2.39% and 2.70% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively and, at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the interest rate was 2.36% and 2.42%, respectively.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

On May 28, 2003, the Partnership renewed its \$40.0 million unsecured two-year revolving credit facility (TransCanada Credit Facility) with TransCanada PipeLine USA Ltd., an affiliate of the general partner. The TransCanada Credit Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.25%. The purpose of the TransCanada Credit Facility is to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline, Tuscarora, and any other entity in which the Partnership directly or indirectly acquires an interest, to fund working capital and for other general business purposes, including temporary funding of cash distributions to unitholders and the general partner, if necessary. The Partnership had no borrowings outstanding under the TransCanada Credit Facility as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

The remaining one third of 936,436 subordinated units, held by the general partner, upon satisfaction of the tests set forth in the partnership agreement, will convert into an equal number of common units on the first day after the record date for distributions for the quarter ending June 30, 2004. Such units will thereafter participate, pro rata, with the other common units in distributions of Available Cash.

NOTE 7 DISTRIBUTIONS

On April 20, 2004, the board of directors of the general partner declared a cash distribution of \$0.55 per unit for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The distribution totaling approximately \$10.1 million is payable on May 14, 2004 in the following manner: \$9.1 million to the holders of common units as of the close of business on April 30, 2004 (including \$1.5 million to an affiliate of TransCanada as holder of 2,800,000 common units and \$1.0 million to the general partner as holder of 1,872,870 common units), \$0.5 million to the general partner as holder of the subordinated units, \$0.3 million to the general partner as holder of incentive distribution rights and \$0.2 million to the general partner in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

NOTE 8 CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 30, 2004, the Partnership contributed \$19.5 million representing its 30% share of a \$65.0 million cash call issued by Northern Border Pipeline to its partners on January 27, 2004. The funds have been used by Northern Border Pipeline to repay a portion of its existing indebtedness. The payment to Northern Border Pipeline was funded through the use of cash from operations and existing credit facilities. This was offset by \$2.0 million return of capital from Northern Border Pipeline in the first quarter of 2004.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED) ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On April 27, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline issued a \$65.0 million cash call to its partners. The Partnership will contribute \$19.5 million representing its 30% share to be paid on May 14, 2004. This payment is expected to be funded through the use of cash from operations and existing credit facilities. The funds will be used by Northern Border Pipeline to repay a portion of its existing indebtedness.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED) ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

TC PIPELINES, LP

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This quarterly report includes forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future financial performance of TC Pipelines, LP. All forward-looking statements are based on the Partnership's beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Partnership. Words such as "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "plans", "intends", "forecasts", and similar expressions, identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect the Partnership's current views with respect to future events and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions including:

- o the Partnership's 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline and 49% general partner interest in Tuscarora represent its only material assets. As a result, the Partnership is dependent upon Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora for all of its available cash;
- o majority control and operation of Northern Border Pipeline by affiliates of Enron Corp., any further developments in the Enron

bankruptcy proceedings, and the creation of a new pipeline operating company;

- o regulatory decisions, particularly those of the FERC;
- o the failure of a shipper on either one of the pipelines in which the Partnership has an interest to perform its contractual obligations;
- o the ability of affiliates of Sierra Pacific Resources to continue to meet their contractual obligations to Tuscarora;
- o the ability of Northern Border Pipeline to recontract its capacity;
- o cost and availability of acquisitions and the availability of Western Canadian natural gas for import into the United States;
- o prevailing economic conditions, particularly conditions of the capital and equity markets;

and other risks discussed in the Partnership's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF TC PIPELINES, LP

AS A RESULT OF THE PARTNERSHIP'S OWNERSHIP OF INVESTMENTS IN BOTH NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE AND TUSCARORA, THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSES FIRST THE RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES OF TC PIPELINES, THEN THOSE OF EACH OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE AND TUSCARORA IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

The following discussions of the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership, Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora should be read in conjunction with the financial statement and notes thereto of the Partnership included elsewhere in this report (see Item 1. Financial Statements). For more detailed information regarding the basis of presentation for the following financial information, see the notes to the condensed financial statements of the Partnership.

OVERVIEW

TC PipeLines, LP was formed in 1998 to acquire, own and participate in the management of United States based pipeline assets. TC PipeLines, LP, and its subsidiary limited partnerships, TC PipeLines Intermediate Limited Partnership and TC Tuscarora Intermediate Limited Partnership, all Delaware limited partnerships, are collectively referred to herein as TC PipeLines or the Partnership. TC PipeLines GP, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada, is the general partner of the Partnership. The Partnership owns a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline and a 49% general partner interest in Tuscarora.

INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY

Northern Border Pipeline owns a 1,249-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from the Montana-Saskatchewan border to markets in the midwestern United States. The Partnership acquired its 30% interest in Northern Border Pipeline from affiliates of its general partner. The Partnership has one member and 30% of the voting power of the Northern Border Pipeline management committee.

The remaining 70% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline is held by Northern Border Partners, L.P., a publicly traded limited partnership. The general partners of Northern Border Partners are Northern Plains Natural Gas Company and Pan Border Gas Company, both Enron affiliates, and Northwest Border Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of TransCanada. TransCanada has one member and 12.25% of the voting power on the Northern Border Pipeline management committee. TransCanada and TC PipeLines collectively have two members and an aggregate 42.25% of the voting power of the Northern Border Pipeline management committee. Northern Plains and Pan Border collectively have two members and 57.75% of the

voting power of the Northern Border Pipeline management committee. Northern Plains also serves as the operator of the Northern Border Pipeline system.

INVESTMENT IN TUSCARORA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

Tuscarora owns a 240-mile United States interstate pipeline system that transports natural gas from Oregon, where it interconnects with facilities of Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, to northern Nevada. The Partnership owns a 49% general partner interest in Tuscarora. The remaining general partner interest in Tuscarora is held 50% by Sierra Pacific Resources and 1% by TCPL Tuscarora Ltd., an indirect subsidiary of TransCanada. Under the Tuscarora partnership agreement, voting power of the management committee is allocated among Tuscarora's three general partners in proportion to their general partner interests in Tuscarora. The Tuscarora pipeline system is operated by Tuscarora Gas Operating Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sierra Pacific Resources. Sierra Pacific Power Company, a subsidiary of Sierra Pacific Resources, is Tuscarora's largest shipper, accounting for approximately 68% of Tuscarora's available capacity.

On December 1, 2002, Tuscarora completed and placed into service an expansion of its pipeline system. The expansion consisted of the addition of two compressor stations, located along the Tuscarora mainline, as well as an 11-mile pipeline extension from Tuscarora's previous terminus near Reno, Nevada to Wadsworth, Nevada. The expansion increased Tuscarora's capacity from 127 million cubic feet per day to approximately 182 million cubic feet per day. The new capacity is contracted under long-term firm contracts ranging from ten to fifteen years. Under the terms of these transportation contracts, approximately 70% of the contracts related to the new capacity came into effect upon commencement of service. The remaining 30% of new contracts came into effect by the end of 2003.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICY

TC PipeLines accounts for its investments in both Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora using the equity method of accounting as detailed in notes two and three to the condensed financial statements. The equity method of accounting is appropriate where the investor does not control but is able to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of an investee. TC PipeLines is able to exercise significant influence over its investments in Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora as evidenced by its representation on their respective management committees.

The interests in Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora are currently the Partnership's only significant sources of income. The Partnership's results of operations are influenced by and reflect the same factors that influence the financial results of Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora, respectively.

FIRST QUARTER 2004 COMPARED WITH FIRST QUARTER 2003

Net income increased \$1.8 million, or 15%, to \$13.7 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$11.9 million for the same period in 2003. 2004 first quarter net income reflects an increase in equity income from both Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora.

Equity income from the Partnership's investment in Northern Border Pipeline increased \$1.5 million, or 14%, to \$12.5 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$11.0 million for the same period in 2003. In the first quarter of 2004, Northern Border Pipeline's revenues were higher than the same period in 2003, which is primarily due to an increase in Northern Border Pipeline's ability to generate and retain more revenues from the sale of short-term capacity and additional transportation services. Northern Border Pipeline's interest expense was lower during the first quarter of 2004 compared to the same period in 2003 due primarily to lower average interest rates and lower average debt balances outstanding.

Equity income from the Partnership's investment in Tuscarora increased \$0.5 million, or 38%, to \$1.8 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$1.3 million for the same period in 2003. Tuscarora's revenues increased primarily due to new transportation contracts related to the 2002 expansion.

The Partnership recorded general and administrative expenses of \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million for the first quarter of 2004 and 2003, respectively.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
 ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

CASH DISTRIBUTION POLICY OF TC PIPELINES, LP

During the subordination period, which generally cannot end before June 30, 2004, the Partnership makes distributions of Available Cash, as defined in the partnership agreement, in the following manner:

- o First, 98% to the common units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there is distributed for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter;
- o Second, 98% to the common units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there is distributed for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to any arrearages in payment of the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units for that quarter and for any prior quarters during the subordination period;
- o Third, 98% to the subordinated units, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there is distributed for each outstanding subordinated unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- o Thereafter, in a manner whereby the general partner has rights (referred to as incentive distribution rights) to receive increasing percentages of excess quarterly cash distributions over specified cash distribution thresholds.

2004 FIRST QUARTER CASH DISTRIBUTION

On April 20, 2004, the board of directors of the general partner declared the Partnership's 2004 first quarter cash distribution in the amount of \$0.55 per unit. This distribution will be paid on May 14, 2004 to unitholders of record as of April 30, 2004. The first quarter cash distribution, totaling \$10.1 million, will be paid in the following manner: \$9.1 million to the holders of common units (including \$1.5 million to an affiliate of TransCanada as holder of 2,800,000 common units and \$1.0 million to the general partner as holder of 1,872,870 common units), \$0.5 million to the general partner as holder of the subordinated units, \$0.3 million to the general partner as holder of incentive distribution rights, and \$0.2 million to the general partner in respect of its 2% general partner interest.

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows provided by operating activities decreased \$0.1 million, to \$13.4 million for the first quarter of 2004 compared to \$13.5 million for the same period in 2003. In the first quarter of 2004 and 2003, the Partnership received cash distributions of \$14.5 million and \$12.5 million, respectively, from its equity investment in Northern Border Pipeline. The Partnership also received cash distributions of \$1.5 million from its equity investment in Tuscarora in each of the first quarters of 2004 and 2003.

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

In the first quarter of 2004, the Partnership contributed \$19.5 million, representing its 30% share of a \$65.0 million cash call issued by Northern Border Pipeline to its partners on January 27, 2004. The funds have been used by Northern Border Pipeline to repay a portion of its existing indebtedness. The payment to Northern Border Pipeline was funded through the use of cash from operations and existing credit facilities. This cash contribution was offset by \$2.0 million return of capital from Northern Border Pipeline.

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

In the first quarter of 2004, the Partnership paid \$10.1 million in cash distributions. See 2004 FIRST QUARTER CASH DISTRIBUTION above. On March 8, 2004 the Partnership renewed its Revolving Credit Facility with Bank One, NA, as administrative agent. Under the renewed Revolving Credit Facility, the Partnership may borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$30.0 million. Loans under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest, at the option of the

Partnership, at a one-, two-, three-, or six-month LIBOR plus 1.25% or at a floating rate based on the higher of the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5% and the prime rate. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on February 28, 2006. Amounts borrowed may be repaid in part or in full prior to that time without penalty. The Revolving Credit Facility may be used to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline, Tuscarora, and any other entity in which the Partnership directly or indirectly acquires an interest, to fund working capital and for other general business purposes, including temporary funding of cash distributions to unitholders and the general partner, if necessary. In the first quarter of 2004, the Partnership borrowed an aggregate of \$9.0 million under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Partnership had \$14.5 million and \$5.5 million outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

TC PIPELINES, LP

The interest rate on the Revolving Credit Facility averaged 2.39% and 2.70% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively and, at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the interest rate was 2.36% and 2.42%, respectively.

On May 28, 2003, the Partnership renewed its \$40.0 million TransCanada Credit Facility with TransCanada Pipeline USA Ltd., an affiliate of the general partner. The TransCanada Credit Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.25%. The purpose of the TransCanada Credit Facility is to provide borrowings to fund capital expenditures, to fund capital contributions to Northern Border Pipeline, Tuscarora, and any other entity in which the Partnership directly or indirectly acquires an interest, to fund working capital and for other general business purposes, including temporary funding of cash distributions to unitholders and the general partner, if necessary. The Partnership had no borrowings outstanding under the TransCanada Credit Facility as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

To the extent TC Pipelines has any capital requirements with respect to its investments in Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora or makes acquisitions during the remainder of 2004, TC Pipelines expects to fund these requirements with operating cash flows, debt and/or equity.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY

IN THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE, ALL AMOUNTS REPRESENT 100% OF THE OPERATIONS OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE, IN WHICH THE PARTNERSHIP HAS HELD A 30% INTEREST SINCE MAY 28, 1999.

The discussion and analysis of Northern Border Pipeline's financial condition and operations are based on Northern Border Pipeline's financial statements, which were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Northern Border Pipeline's financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

OVERVIEW

For Northern Border Pipeline, there are several major business drivers as summarized in the "Overview, Results of Operations of Northern Border Pipeline", included in TC Pipelines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Firm transportation contracts representing approximately 30% of Northern Border Pipeline's contracted capacity, or 778 million cubic feet per day, expired late in 2004. Northern Border Pipeline has successfully extended contracts for 88 million cubic feet per day with existing shippers and has begun a regulatorily mandated process involving existing shippers' rights of first refusal (ROFR) for their respective contracted capacity. The ROFR process, which began on April 1, 2004 and will conclude in mid-June 2004, is an auction process where the current shipper, whose contracted capacity is expiring, is allowed to match the best bid for that capacity. Any remaining unsold capacity is then offered on a first come first served basis. The success of the auction process will depend on natural gas price comparisons between Alberta, Canada and Ventura, Iowa. Northern Border Pipeline continues to believe that the fundamentals of supplies and markets support its ongoing

success in re-contracting its capacity.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Certain amounts included in or affecting Northern Border Pipeline's Financial Statements and related disclosures must be estimated, requiring it to make certain assumptions with respect to values or conditions that cannot be known with certainty at the time the financial statements are prepared. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Any effects on Northern Border Pipeline's business, financial position or results of operations resulting from revisions to these estimates are recorded in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

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Northern Border Pipeline's significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 2 - Notes to Financial Statements of Northern Border Pipeline Company included in TC Pipelines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. Certain of Northern Border Pipeline's accounting policies are of more significance in its financial statement preparation process than others. Northern Border Pipeline's accounting policies conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 71, "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulation." Accordingly, certain assets that result from the regulated ratemaking process are recorded that would not be recorded under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for nonregulated entities. Northern Border Pipeline continually assesses whether the regulatory assets are probable of future recovery by considering such factors as regulatory changes and the impact of competition. If future recovery ceases to be probable, Northern Border Pipeline would be required to write-off the regulatory assets at that time. At March 31, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline has reflected regulatory assets of \$8.0 million, which are being recovered from its shippers over varying periods of time.

Northern Border Pipeline's long-lived assets are stated at original cost. Northern Border Pipeline must use estimates in determining the economic useful lives of those assets. For utility property, no retirement gain or loss is included in income except in the case of retirements or sales of entire regulated operating units. The original cost of utility property retired is charged to accumulated depreciation and amortization, net of salvage and cost of removal.

Northern Border Pipeline's accounting for financial instruments follows SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" which requires that every derivative instrument be recorded on the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value. The statement requires that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement. At March 31, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline's balance sheet included assets from derivative financial instruments of \$17.7 million.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following sets out summarized financial information for Northern Border Pipeline for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and as at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. Amounts discussed represent 100% of the operations of Northern Border Pipeline, in which the Partnership has held a 30% interest since May 28, 1999.

THREE MONTHS
ENDED MARCH 31
(UNAUDITED) - -

(MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS) 2004

2003 - -----

NORTHERN BORDER
PIPELINE INCOME
STATEMENT

Revenues 83.3
79.9 Costs and
expenses (17.0)
(16.8)
Depreciation
(14.5) (14.5)
Financial
charges (10.2)
(11.8) Other
income/(expense)
0.1 (0.1) -----

----- Net
income 41.7
36.7 -----

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

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MARCH 31,
2004
December 31,
2003
(MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS)
(UNAUDITED)
(AUDITED) -

NORTHERN
BORDER
PIPELINE
BALANCE
SHEET ASSETS
Cash and
cash
equivalents
46.0 28.7
Other
current
assets 41.5
40.8 Plant,
property and
equipment,
net 1,577.7
1,591.8
Other assets
30.6 30.0 --

2.31%.

Short-term liquidity needs will be met by operating cash flows and through the Northern Border Pipeline credit agreement. Long-term capital needs may be met through the ability to issue long-term indebtedness.

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows provided by operating activities were \$57.8 million in the first quarter of 2004 as compared to \$43.3 million for the comparable period in 2003. Increases in operating revenues and lower interest expense for 2004 contributed approximately \$5.0 million to the increase between 2004 and 2003. In addition, the first quarter of 2003 reflects lower cash flows from operating activities of approximately \$9.6 million due to the discontinuance of certain shipper transportation prepayments.

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Capital expenditures were \$0.3 million for the first quarter of 2004 as compared to \$1.9 million for the comparable period in 2003. The capital expenditures for 2004 and 2003 were primarily related to renewals and replacements of existing facilities.

Total capital expenditures for 2004 are estimated to be \$16 million primarily related to renewals and replacements of existing facilities. Northern Border Pipeline currently anticipates funding its 2004 capital expenditures primarily by borrowing under the Pipeline Credit Agreement and using operating cash flows.

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows used in financing activities were \$40.2 million for the first quarter of 2004 as compared to \$47.8 million for the comparable period in 2003. Distributions to partners were \$48.2 million and \$41.8 million in the first quarters of 2004 and 2003, respectively. Effective January 1, 2004, each quarterly distribution is equal to 100% of distributable cash flow as determined by the previous quarter's earnings before interest expense, taxes other than income, depreciation and amortization, less interest expense and less maintenance capital expenditures.

A distribution of approximately \$56.2 million was declared for the first quarter of 2004 and paid on May 3, 2004.

Contributions from partners were \$65.0 million in the first quarter of 2004. In the first quarter of 2003, borrowings on long-term debt totaled \$22.0 million. Total payments on debt were \$57.0 million and \$28.0 million in 2004 and 2003, respectively.

UPDATE ON THE IMPACT OF ENRON'S CHAPTER 11 FILING ON NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE'S BUSINESS

As discussed in TC PipeLines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, on December 2, 2001, Enron Corp. and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Refer to TC PipeLines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 for the full discussion of impacts of Enron's Chapter 11 Filing on Northern Border Pipeline's business.

Northern Plains Natural Gas Company and Pan Border Gas Company, subsidiaries of Enron, are two of the general partners of Northern Border Partners, LP, which owns the 70% interest in Northern Border Pipeline. Northern Plains is also the operator of the Northern Border pipeline system. On March 31, 2004, Enron transferred its ownership interest in Northern Plains Natural Gas Company and Pan Border Gas Company to CrossCountry Energy, LLC (CrossCountry) a newly formed pipeline operating company. In addition, CrossCountry and Enron entered into a transition services agreement pursuant to which Enron will provide to CrossCountry, on an interim, transitional basis, various services, including but not limited to (i) information technology services (ii) accounting system usage rights and administrative support and (iii) payroll, employee benefits and administrative services. In turn, these services are provided to Northern Border Pipeline through Northern Plains. The agreement terminates on the earlier of a sale of CrossCountry or December 31, 2004. The agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties and approval of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors.

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Northern Border Pipeline has been advised by the management of Northern Plains that they believe these services will continue to be provided either through a new transition services agreement, from CrossCountry or through agreement with third parties.

On January 9, 2004, the Bankruptcy Court approved as complete the amended joint Chapter 11 plan and related disclosure statement (Chapter 11 Plan). The Chapter 11 Plan has been submitted to the creditors for approval. A number of creditors have filed objections to the Chapter 11 Plan. The Bankruptcy Court rescheduled to June 3, 2004 a hearing on the approval. Under the Chapter 11 Plan, it is anticipated that if CrossCountry is not sold to a third party, as permitted by the Chapter 11 Plan, its shares would be distributed directly or indirectly to creditors and debtors.

For additional risks associated with Enron's Chapter 11 filing, please read the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 - "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations of Northern Border Pipeline Company - Impact of Enron's Chapter 11 Filing on Northern Border Pipeline's Business."

UPDATE TO POTENTIAL PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT (PUHCA) REGULATION

As more fully discussed in TC PipeLines' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, on March 9, 2004, Enron registered as a holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA). Under PUHCA, Northern Border Pipeline is a subsidiary of a registered holding company. Immediately after Enron registered, the SEC issued an order granting Enron and its subsidiaries, including Northern Border Pipeline, authority to undertake certain transactions without further authorization from the SEC under PUHCA.

In April, Northern Border Pipeline entered into an amendment with the lenders under its credit agreement that will allow Northern Border Pipeline, as a subsidiary of a registered holding company to continue to borrow funds as needed.

UPDATE TO FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION FILED LAWSUIT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY SETTLEMENT

On July 31, 2001, the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation (Tribes) filed a lawsuit in Tribal Court against Northern Border Pipeline to collect more than \$3 million in back taxes, together with interest and penalties. The lawsuit relates to a utilities tax on certain of Northern Border Pipeline's properties within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. Since the filing of the lawsuit, the Tribes have continued to assess annual utilities taxes of approximately \$1.8 million per year, which remain unpaid. Based upon federal court decisions and other defenses, Northern Border Pipeline believes that the Tribes do not have the authority to impose these taxes. The Tribes and Northern Border Pipeline, through a mediation process, have held settlement discussions and have reached a settlement in principle on pipeline right-of-way lease and taxation issues, subject to final documentation and necessary government approvals. This settlement grants to Northern Border Pipeline, among other things, (i) an option to renew the pipeline right-of-way lease upon agreed terms and conditions on or before April 1, 2011 for a term of 25 years with a renewal right for an additional 25 years; (ii) a present right to use additional tribal lands for expanded facilities; and (iii) release and satisfaction of all tribal taxes against Northern Border Pipeline. If this settlement is executed by the Tribes and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in consideration of this option and other benefits, Northern Border Pipeline will pay a lump sum amount of \$5.9 million and an annual payment approximating \$1.5 million effective April 2004 until April 2011. Northern Border Pipeline intends to seek regulatory recovery of the costs resulting from the settlement. Northern Border Pipeline advises that it is unable to predict at this time if or when all the approvals will be obtained. Northern Border Pipeline advises that the outcome of this settlement will not have a material adverse impact on its results of operations for 2004 or financial position.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF TUSCARORA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

IN THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF TUSCARORA, ALL AMOUNTS REPRESENT 100% OF THE OPERATIONS OF TUSCARORA, IN WHICH THE PARTNERSHIP HAS HELD A 49% INTEREST SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2000.

(UNAUDITED)
(AUDITED) -

TUSCARORA
BALANCE
SHEET ASSETS

Cash and
cash
equivalents
7.1 1.8
Other
current
assets 3.0
4.3 Plant,
property and
equipment,
net 140.5
141.9 Other
assets 1.5
1.6 -----

152.1 149.6

LIABILITIES
AND
PARTNERS'
EQUITY

Current
liabilities
8.3 6.7
Long-term
debt 80.8
80.8
Partners'
Equity
Partners'
capital 62.9
62.0
Accumulated
other
comprehensive
income 0.1
0.1 -----

152.1 149.6

FIRST QUARTER 2004 COMPARED WITH FIRST QUARTER 2003

Net income increased \$1.0 million, or 33%, to \$4.0 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$3.0 million for the same period in 2003. This increase is primarily due to higher revenues resulting from new long-term firm transportation contracts which commenced in November 2003 related to Tuscarora's recent expansion.

Revenues earned by Tuscarora increased \$0.9 million, or 12%, to \$8.3 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$7.4 million for the same period in 2003.

This increase is due to incremental revenues generated from new transportation contracts resulting from Tuscarora's expansion in 2002.

Costs and expenses incurred for the first quarter of 2004 were approximately the same as the \$1.2 million for the same period in 2003.

Depreciation recorded by Tuscarora of \$1.6 million for the first quarter of 2004 was unchanged from the first quarter of 2003.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
 ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

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Financial charges of Tuscarora decreased \$0.1 million, or 6%, to \$1.5 million for the first quarter of 2004, compared to \$1.6 million for the same period last year. This decrease is due primarily to lower interest rates in the first quarter of 2004.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES OF TUSCARORA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

DEBT AND CREDIT FACILITIES

Tuscarora's debt and credit facilities outstanding at March 31, 2004 are as follows:

Payments Due			
by Period ---			

Less Than 1			
After 5 Total			
Year 1-3			
Years 4-5			
Years Years -			

---	(Millions		
of dollars) -			

---	Series A		
Senior Notes			
due 2010	68.9		
	3.6	7.3	6.7
51.3			
Series B			
Senior Notes			
due 2010	7.1		
	0.3	0.8	1.0
5.0			
Series C			
Senior Notes			
due 2012	9.4		
	0.7	1.5	1.7
5.5			
Operating			
Leases	0.5		
	0.1	0.2	0.2
0.1			
0.2			
Commitments(1)			
	3.9	1.1	2.2
	0.6	-	

Total	89.8		
	5.8	12.0	10.2
	61.8		

(1) Tuscarora is party to a contract with a third party for maintenance services on certain components of its pipeline-related equipment. The contract expires in November 2007.

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows generated from operating activities increased \$3.4 million to \$8.5 million in the first quarter of 2004 compared to \$5.1 million in the same period last year primarily due to decreases in working capital and increased net income relating to new long-term transportation contracts resulting from Tuscarora's expansion in 2002.

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

In the first quarter of 2004, cash flows used in investing activities decreased by \$0.1 million, to \$0.1 million compared to the same period last year. This is primarily due to decreased capital expenditures as a result of the completion of the 2002 expansion.

In the first quarter of 2003, Tuscarora used \$0.2 million for capital expenditures primarily related to its 2002 expansion.

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

In the first quarter of 2004, Tuscarora had no outstanding balance under its revolving credit facility, and paid cash distributions of \$3.1 million.

In the first quarter of 2003, Tuscarora reported cash flows used in financing activities of \$0.7 million. Tuscarora repaid the \$4.6 million balance outstanding on its revolving credit facility which expired on January 3, 2003. Tuscarora received contributions from partners of \$8.5 million and paid a cash distribution of \$3.0 million as well as a return of capital to its partners of \$1.6 million in the first quarter of 2003.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)
ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONCLUDED)

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UPDATE ON SIERRA PACIFIC RESOURCES

As discussed in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, Enron Power Marketing Inc. (Enron Power Marketing), filed a lawsuit asserting claims for damages related to termination of its power supply agreements with Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company (Tuscarora's largest shipper with approximately 68% of contracted capacity through 2015). On April 5, 2004, Sierra Pacific Resources, the parent company to Sierra Pacific Power issued a press release and filed a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC advising that the federal bankruptcy court judge overseeing the bankruptcy case of Enron Power Marketing authorized an agreement that had been reached between Sierra Pacific Resources' two electric utilities and Enron Power Marketing. Under the agreement an additional \$25 million will be placed into escrow and Enron Power Marketing will request no additional cash until the current appeal process involving the dispute over \$336 million in terminated power contracts is resolved.

Sierra Pacific Power to date remains current on its shipping contracts with Tuscarora.

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TC PipeLines has interest rate exposure resulting from its Revolving Credit Facility which is subject to variability in LIBOR interest rates. Since December 31, 2003, there has not been any material change to TC PipeLines' interest rate exposure.

The Partnership is also influenced by the same factors that influence Northern Border Pipeline and Tuscarora. Neither Northern Border Pipeline nor Tuscarora owns any of the natural gas they transport, therefore, does not assume any of the related natural gas commodity price risk.

Northern Border Pipeline's interest rate exposure results from variable rate borrowings from commercial banks. To mitigate potential fluctuations in interest rates, Northern Border Pipeline's attempts to maintain a significant portion of its debt portfolio in fixed rate debt. Northern Border Pipeline also uses interest rate swaps as a means to manage interest rate expense by converting a portion of fixed rate debt into variable rate debt to take advantage of declining interest rates. At March 31, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline had \$299.0 million of variable rate debt outstanding (approximately 40% of its debt portfolio), \$255.0 million of which was previously fixed rate debt that had been converted to variable rate debt through the use of interest rate swaps.

Northern Border Pipeline has advised that if average interest rates change by one percent compared to rates in effect as of March 31, 2004, its annual interest expense would change by approximately \$3 million. This amount has been determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on variable rate borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2004.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONCLUDED)
ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

TC PIPELINES, LP

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Based on their evaluation for the three months ended March 31, 2004, covered by the filing of this quarterly report, the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the general partner of the Partnership have concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures referred to in paragraph 4 (b) of their certifications included as exhibits in this report were effective.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION
ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

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In Northern Border Pipeline's pending proceeding before the FERC on procedures for awarding capacity, the FERC issued an order on April 15, 2004 in which the FERC requested comments from interested parties on whether the FERC's current policy on awarding available capacity to a short-haul shipper appropriately balances the risks to the pipeline, bidding shippers and other shippers on the pipeline. Comments are due by June 15, 2004.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION (CONCLUDED)
ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

TC PIPELINES, LP

(a) Exhibits

- * 10.8.3 Third Amendment to Credit Agreement among TC PipeLines, LP, the Lenders Party thereto and Bank One N.A., as agent, March 8, 2004 (Exhibit 10.8.3 to TC PipeLines, LP's Form 10-K, March 12, 2004).

31.1 Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant

to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

* Indicates exhibits incorporated by reference

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

- 1. Report on Form 8-K dated January 16, 2004 and filed on January 20, 2004 reporting that TC PipeLines, LP issued a press release announcing its fourth quarter distribution.
- 2. Report on Form 8-K dated January 29, 2004 and filed on January 30, 2004 reporting that TC PipeLines, LP issued a press release announcing fourth quarter and annual results for the period ended December 31, 2003.
- 3. Report on Form 8-K dated February 9, 2004 and filed on February 9, 2004 reporting that Northern Border Pipeline filed a Form 8-K stating that, as previously reported on December 31, 2003, Enron and other related entities had filed with the SEC an application for exemption under Section 3(a)(4) of PUHCA. By SEC order entered January 30, 2004, the hearing date on Enron's pending application for exemption under PUHCA was postponed until February 9, 2004 and by SEC order entered February 6, 2004, the hearing date has now been postponed until further notice on the condition that a status report on Enron's offer of settlement be provided no later than March 8, 2004.
- 4. Report on Form 8-K dated March 2, 2004 and filed on March 2, 2004, furnishing the presentation of Mr. Ron Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of TC PipeLines, LP at the Master Limited Partnership Investor Conference 2004, held in New York City on March 2, 2004.
- 5. Report on Form 8-K dated March 10, 2004 and filed March 11, 2004, reporting that, on March 9, 2004, Enron registered as a holding company under the PUHCA of 1935. This Form 8-K also reported that on March 10, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline filed a Form 8-K announcing that the SEC has granted Enron's request on behalf of Northern Border Partners, which includes its subsidiary Northern Border Pipeline, to allow Northern Border Partners to declare and pay distributions. The approval is part of the SEC order issued March 9, 2004, after Enron registered as a holding company under PUHCA. The authorizations are effective until the earlier of the deregistration of Enron under PUHCA or July 31, 2005.
- 6. Report on Form 8-K dated April 26, 2004 and filed on April 26, 2004 reporting that TC PipeLines, LP issued a press release announcing first quarter results for the period ended March 31, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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

TC PIPELINES, LP
(a Delaware Limited Partnership)

By: TC PipeLines GP, Inc.,
its general partner

By: /s/ Russell K. Girling

Russell K. Girling
Chief Financial Officer
(duly authorized officer)

Date: May 7, 2004

By: /s/ Amy Leong

Date: May 7, 2004

Amy Leong
Controller (duly authorized officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Ronald J. Turner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of TC PipeLines, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluations; and
 - c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Ronald J. Turner

Ronald J. Turner
President and Chief Executive Officer
TC PipeLines GP, Inc., as general partner

CERTIFICATION

I, Russell K. Girling, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of TC PipeLines, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluations; and
 - c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Russell K. Girling

Russell K. Girling
Chief Financial Officer
TC PipeLines GP, Inc., as general partner

CERTIFICATION

I, Ronald J. Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of TC PipeLines GP, Inc., the general partner of TC PipeLines, LP (the Partnership), in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, in connection with the Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Report) on the date hereof, that:

- o the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- o the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Ronald J. Turner

Ronald J. Turner
President and Chief Executive Officer
TC PipeLines GP, Inc., as general partner of
TC PipeLines, LP

CERTIFICATION

I, Russell K. Girling, Chief Financial Officer of TC PipeLines GP, Inc., the general partner of TC PipeLines, LP (the Partnership), in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, in connection with the Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Report) on the date hereof, that:

- o the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- o the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Dated: May 7, 2004

/s/ Russell K. Girling

Russell K. Girling
Chief Financial Officer
TC PipeLines GP, Inc., as general partner of
TC PipeLines, LP