

AMENDED AND RESTATED NGTL PIPELINE TRUST AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT was made as of the 29th day of January, 2015, was amended and restated as of the 1st day of October, 2015, and is amended and restated as of the **1st day of April, 2024** (the “**Agreement**”).

BETWEEN:

CIBC TRUST CORPORATION, a licensed trust company governed by the laws of Canada with a place of business located at The Bow, 500 Centre Street S.E., 27th Floor, Calgary, Alberta T2G 1A6

(the “**Initial Trustee**”)

AND:

NGTL GP LTD., a corporation governed by the laws of Alberta with a place of business located at 450 - 1st Street, S.W., Calgary Alberta, T2P 5H1

(“**NGTL GP**”)

WHEREAS on 26 May 2009 the National Energy Board issued the RH-2-2008 Reasons for Decision, which requires each person holding an authorization to operate a pipeline under the *National Energy Board Act* (Canada) or the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* (Canada) to file a proposed process and mechanism to set aside funds to pay for the reclamation obligations in respect of the sites in Canada used for the operation of that pipeline;

AND WHEREAS on 19 April 2013, the National Energy Board issued the MH-001-2013 Hearing Order, establishing how it would consider each set-aside mechanism proposed;

AND WHEREAS NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (“**NGTL**”) held the regulatory authorization allowing it to operate the pipeline described in Schedule “A” to this Agreement (the “**Pipeline**”);

AND WHEREAS NGTL was subject to regulation by the National Energy Board under the *National Energy Board Act* (Canada) in respect of the Pipeline;

AND WHEREAS on 5 May 2014 the National Energy Board ordered NGTL to establish the trust governed by this agreement for the purpose of setting aside funds to pay for the reclamation obligations of NGTL for the operation of the Pipeline;

AND WHEREAS in satisfaction of the requirements imposed by the National Energy Board, NGTL established this irrevocable trust for the purpose of setting aside funds to pay for the reclamation obligations in respect of the site in Canada used for the operation of the Pipeline and transferred to the Trustee the Settlement Property set forth herein to be held by it in trust and subject to the terms and conditions declared and contained herein;

AND WHEREAS the trust established hereunder shall be maintained for the sole purpose of paying the reclamation obligations in respect of the Pipeline;

AND WHEREAS the Trustee has agreed to hold the Fund in trust for the Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions declared and contained in this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS on 28 August 2019 the *National Energy Board Act* (Canada) was repealed and replaced with the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (Canada) which, pursuant to subsection 10(1), established the Canadian Energy Regulator and considered every decision or order made by the National Energy Board to have been made under the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (Canada) and enforced as such;

AND WHEREAS on February 16, 2024 NGTL received the approval of the Tribunal to transfer ownership of the Pipeline to NGTL Limited Partnership, including the entire interest in the trust created hereunder, and the Trustee has received notice thereof;

AND WHEREAS NGTL GP, the general partner of the NGTL Limited Partnership, will hold the regulatory authorization allowing it to operate the Pipeline on behalf of NGTL Limited Partnership and be subject to regulation by the Tribunal under the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (Canada);

AND WHEREAS the Trustee and the Company have determined that it is now desirable to amend this Agreement to make certain clarifications and to ensure that the Trust, at all times, qualifies as a Qualifying Environmental Trust, and, for greater certainty, the amendment and restatement of this Agreement, from time to time including this declaration, shall not be deemed to constitute a termination or resettlement of the trust governed thereby;

AND WHEREAS the amendments to be made to the Agreement by the Trustee authorized by section 6.01 herein, have been approved by the Tribunal and the Company, and are made contemporaneously with the transfer of the ownership of the Pipeline and the entire interest in the trust created hereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS TRUST AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the promises and of the mutual covenants herein contained, it is hereby mutually covenanted, agreed and acknowledged by and between the parties hereto that any property contributed by the Company to the Trustee under this Agreement shall be held by the Trustee in trust on the terms and subject to the conditions set out herein.

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

1.01 Definitions

In this trust agreement, the following words or phrases have the following meanings:

- (a) “**Abandon**” and “**Abandonment**” has the meaning set out in the definition of “abandon” in the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (Canada), as amended from time to time;

- (b) “**Affiliate**” means, with respect to a Person, that Person’s affiliates within the meaning of the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, and for CIBC Trust Corporation includes, but is not limited to, CIBC World Markets Inc., CIBC Asset Management Inc., CIBC Mellon Trust Company, CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company, and CIBC Private Investment Counsel, a division of CIBC Asset Management;
- (c) “**Agreement**” has the meaning set out in the Preamble, and includes any schedules hereto and any amendments hereof;
- (d) “**Annual Contribution Amount**” means, in respect of any calendar year, an amount equivalent to the aggregate of all amounts collected through an abandonment surcharge in such calendar year to pay for the Reclamation Obligations of the Beneficiaries in respect of the Pipeline and any amount ordered by the Tribunal;
- (e) “**Applicable Law**” means all Canadian federal, provincial, territorial or non-Canadian laws, statutes, rules, regulations, official directives and orders of governmental authorities (whether administrative, legislative, executive or otherwise), including judgments, orders and decrees of courts, commissions, boards or bodies exercising similar functions, that are applicable with respect to the matter in issue;
- (f) “**assets**” includes cash, securities, estates, property and rights of any kind whatsoever and any interests therein;
- (g) “**Beneficiary**” or “**Beneficiaries**” means a Person, including the Company, acting in its own capacity or acting on behalf of a partnership, that has Reclamation Obligations in respect of the Site;
- (h) “**Business Continuity Plan**” means a plan or programme to ensure the continued availability of essential services, operations and programs, including all applicable resources, which plans are activated during, or immediately after, an emergency or disruption and are aimed at permitting the rapid and cost effective resumption of critical functions;
- (i) “**Business Day**” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday in the Province of Alberta;
 - (i.1) “**CER Act**” means the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (Canada), as amended from time to time;
 - (i.2) “**Clearinghouse**” means an institution that settles mutual indebtedness between a number of financial or market organizations, and is usually financed by membership subscriptions and other dues of the market;
- (j) “**Company**” means the person holding the regulatory authorization(s) to operate the Pipeline at the relevant time, whether on its own behalf or on behalf of one or more Persons, and for greater certainty, as of the amendment and restatement

dated April 1, 2024 shall be NGTL GP;

- (k) “**Company’s Notice of Termination**” has the meaning set out in section 3.04(a) of this Agreement;
- (l) “**Custodian**” means a corporate institution, appointed by the Trustee which has title to, or Trustee-authorized possession of, Fund assets with the obligation to hold secure those assets, and to deal with them as authorized by the Trustee;
- (m) “**Deactivate**” and “**Deactivation**” has the meaning set out in the definition of “deactivate” in the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (Canada), as amended from time to time;
- (n) “**Decommission**” and “**Decommissioning**” has the meaning set out in the definition of “decommission” set out in the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (Canada), as amended from time to time;
- (o) “**Default**” has the meaning set out in section 4.05(a)(ii) of this Agreement;
- (o.1) “**Depository**” means a financial corporation that is officially authorized to receive securities, commonly financial instruments in the form of stocks and bonds, and to hold them secure for the depositor;
- (p) “**Fund**” means the Settlement Property and all other assets which are now or which at any time during the continuance of the Trust may be contributed, assigned, transferred or appointed to the Trustee to be held upon the trusts hereof, together with all interest or return from investing such assets, and all other assets which may at any time be substituted therefor, but excluding all amounts which have been paid or disbursed therefrom (whether out of capital or income) pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement;
- (q) “**Fund Property**” has the meaning set out in section 3.05(a) of this Agreement;
- (r) “**including**” or “**includes**” means “including (or includes) without limitation”;
- (s) “**NEB Act**” means the *National Energy Board Act* (Canada), as amended from time to time;
- (s.1) “**New Trust**” has the meaning set out in section 2.05 of this Agreement;
- (s.2) “**NGTL**” has the meaning set out in the Recitals and includes any successors or assigns;
- (t) “**Person**” includes a partnership;
- (u) “**Pipeline**” means the pipeline described in Schedule “A” to this Agreement;
- (v) “**Orphan Pipeline Fund**” means a not-for-profit corporation that will be established pursuant to a statute of the Parliament of Canada and will maintain funds for the purpose of funding the reclamation of abandoned pipelines in

Canada, consistent with the Tribunal's Reasons for Decision MH-001-2013;

- (w) **“Qualifying Environmental Trust”** or **“QET”** means a “qualifying environmental trust” as that term is defined in the Tax Act;
- (x) **“Qualified Investments”** means all or any of those investments that from time to time are qualified investments for a Qualifying Environmental Trust, and for greater certainty, such qualified investments on the date hereof include only those types of property described in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) (c.1), (d) and (f) of the definition of “qualified investment” in section 204 of the Tax Act that are not encompassed within the definition of “prohibited investment” in subsection 211.6(1) of the Tax Act, which provisions, as they read as of the date hereof, are set out in Schedule “B” to this Agreement;
- (y) **“Reclamation Obligations”** means:
 - (i) the duty to carry out the physical Abandonment, Decommissioning or Deactivation of the Pipeline, including costs incurred to satisfy any conditions imposed by the Tribunal, in any order or direction approving the Decommissioning or Deactivation of the Pipeline or for granting leave to Abandon the Pipeline;
 - (ii) the duty to develop an Abandonment plan, and to prepare an application for leave to Abandon or for approval of the Deactivation or Decommissioning of the Pipeline; and
 - (iii) the duty to carry out post-abandonment monitoring and remediation of the Site, where post-abandonment refers to the period of time after a Company has satisfied the conditions of an order or direction issued by the Tribunal granting leave to Abandon,and all costs incurred and consequent thereon;
- (z) **“Settlement Property”** means the amount of \$100.00 given and transferred to the Trustee by the Settlor as described in section 2.02(a);
- (aa) **“Settlor”** means NGTL;
- (bb) **“Site”** means any location or locations in Canada used for the operation of the Pipeline;
- (cc) **“Standard of Care”** has the meaning set out in section 4.09 of this Agreement;
- (dd) **“Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures”** means a written statement of investment policies and procedures approved by the Company in respect of the Fund's portfolio of investments which sets out broad policies and procedures for the Qualified Investments of the Fund, which may include: categories of investments; diversification of the investment portfolio; asset mix and rate of return expectations; liquidity of investments; the retention or delegation of voting

rights acquired through Fund investments; and the method of, and basis for, the valuation of investments;

- (ee) “**Tax Act**” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time;
- (ff) “**Tribunal**” means the National Energy Board, a tribunal established under the NEB Act, the Canadian Energy Regulator, a tribunal established under the CER Act, or any subsequent successor administrative body having authority to regulate the Company in respect of the operation and abandonment of the Pipeline;
- (gg) “**Trust**” means the relationship between the Trustee and a Beneficiary and Beneficiaries, including the obligations of the Trustee towards the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries both personal and with regard to the Fund, and the corresponding rights of a Beneficiary, whether those obligations and rights are created at law or by the terms of this Agreement; and in the context of this trust instrument, means a discretionary trust for the purpose of reclamation in favour of the one or several Beneficiaries that have Reclamation Obligations with regard to the Site, and also of the Orphan Pipeline Fund, and which shall be called the “**NGTL Pipeline Trust**”; and
- (hh) “**Trustee**” means the Initial Trustee or any successor Trustee pursuant to sections 3.03 or 3.04 that is authorized to be a trustee of a QET in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Tax Act and similar applicable provincial legislation.

1.02 Interpretation

- (a) In this Agreement, words importing the singular shall include plural and vice versa and words importing gender include all genders.
- (b) All references to sections and schedules are to sections and schedules to, and forming part of, this Agreement.
- (c) Unless otherwise specified, all references to money amounts are to the lawful currency of Canada.
- (d) Time is of the essence in the performance of the parties’ respective obligations under this Agreement.

1.03 Consultation

For greater certainty, where the Trustee is required in this Agreement to consult with the Company in respect of a decision, the Trustee shall, irrespective of the outcome of such consultation, retain the discretion otherwise provided in this Agreement to make the ultimate decision.

ARTICLE 2 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUST

2.01 Qualifying Environmental Trust

It is the express intention of the parties hereto that the Trust established and governed under this Agreement will constitute a Qualifying Environmental Trust for the duration of the Trust. This Agreement shall be read and interpreted in light of, and consistently with, the definition of “qualifying environment trust” in the Tax Act, and the Company and the Trustee shall not take any actions which would jeopardize the status of this Trust as a Qualifying Environmental Trust, and shall cause any party succeeding to the interests thereof to covenant to do the same.

2.02 The Trust: Settlement and Contributions

- (a) The Settlor has transferred unto the Trustee the Settlement Property for the purpose of settling the Trust in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and appointed the Trustee. The Trustee has acknowledged the receipt from the Settlor of such Settlement Property to be held upon and subject to the trusts hereof, has accepted the office of Trustee, and agrees to adhere to the trusts, covenants and obligations set out in this Agreement, and agrees to discharge the same upon the terms and conditions herein set forth and to hold and exercise the rights, privileges and benefits conferred upon it by this Agreement for the purposes of the Trust.
- (b) The purpose of the Trust is to accept, hold and invest funds that are contributed to the Trust for the sole purpose of funding Reclamation Obligations. In carrying out its duties and obligations hereunder, the Trustee shall ensure that the Fund Property is kept separate and distinct from the other assets of the Trustee, except as permitted by section 4.15(e). If the Fund Property is mixed with the other assets of the Trustee, the resulting mixed property shall be deemed to be held in trust on behalf of the Beneficiaries, but only to the extent of the Fund Property.
- (c) The Trustee shall have the right at any time during the continuance of the Trust to accept such further or additional property which any Person may donate, settle, assign, transfer, appoint or otherwise contribute to the Trust.
- (d) The Trust hereby created shall be irrevocable and the Settlor, Company and Beneficiaries are divested of any power whatsoever to revoke this Trust or to modify its terms or to amend this Agreement in any respect, except in accordance with Article 6.
- (e) The parties hereto acknowledge that the Company shall contribute the Annual Contribution Amount to the Trust as directed by the Tribunal. The Trustee shall have no obligation to ensure that the Annual Contribution Amount is remitted. However, the Trustee may notify the Tribunal in writing if it reasonably believes that one or more contributions are due and not paid.

2.03 The Trust: Discretionary as to two or more beneficiaries

The Fund is held by the Trustee on trust for one or several Beneficiaries, the Trustee having a power to appoint at its discretion, from among the Beneficiaries of the Fund responding at the time of payment to the then existing Reclamation Obligations. The Trustee may make payment to or for the benefit of the appointed Beneficiary, that is, either to the Beneficiary, or to a person or persons named by the Tribunal to conduct work in the reclaiming of the Site. Before making any discretionary payment the Trustee must receive the approval of the Tribunal, which approval will cover both the reclamation need being addressed and that person or those persons that are instructed to carry out the reclamation.

2.04 The Trust: Surplus Funds

If property remains in the Fund after all Reclamation Obligations of the Beneficiaries are discharged, then the Trustee, with the approval of the Tribunal, may distribute the Fund or any part thereof among any of the Beneficiaries and Orphan Pipeline Fund, or, where such is the case, a single Beneficiary and the said Orphan Pipeline Fund, as the Trustee in its sole discretion sees fit.

2.05 The Trust: Duration of the Trust

This Agreement shall have no specific term but shall commence on the date first mentioned above and shall continue until terminated in writing by the Company, with the approval of the Tribunal.

In the event that

- (a) the Trust ceases to qualify as a Qualifying Environmental Trust, in circumstances other than those contemplated by section 2.04, or
- (b) the Trustee is of the view that the period permitted by the perpetuity legislation of Alberta may expire in not more than five years,

then as soon as practicable,

- (c) if the Company is not in Default, the Trustee shall pay the Fund to the Company, and the Company covenants upon receipt of the Fund, to settle, at once, a new irrevocable trust that qualifies as a QET upon terms and conditions approved by the Tribunal (the “**New Trust**”), and to contribute to the New Trust an amount equal to the value of the entirety of the Fund, and
- (d) in any other circumstance, the Trustee shall seek directions from the Tribunal on the successive arrangements which are appropriate in the circumstances in accordance with section 6.02, and
- (e) thereafter this Agreement and the Trust hereunder shall terminate.

2.06 The Trust: Residence, Situs, Mind and Management and Head Office

The residence, situs, mind and management of the Trust shall be located in the Province of

Alberta and the head office of the Trust shall be located at Calgary, Alberta, or such other place or places in Alberta as the Trustee may from time to time designate and is currently located at The Bow, 500 Centre Street S.E., 27th Floor, Calgary, Alberta T2G 1A6.

ARTICLE 3 APPOINTMENT, RESIGNATION, AND REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE

3.01 Appointment

The Company has the power to appoint the Trustee and successor trustees, subject to the written approval of the Tribunal. The Trustee, and any successor trustee, on accepting such appointment shall agree to act as trustee of the Fund in accordance with terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3.02 Qualifications of Trustee

No Person shall be appointed or hold office as Trustee at any time unless such Person is, at such time, (i) licensed under the *Trust and Loan Companies Act* (Canada); (ii) a corporation resident in Canada for purposes of the Tax Act; (iii) authorized under the laws of Canada or a province to carry on in Canada the business of offering to the public its services as a trustee; and (iv) satisfies the requirements of section 2.06.

If the current Trustee expects, acting reasonably, that it will cease to satisfy the requirements to hold office as Trustee at any time, it shall forthwith notify the Company and the Company shall remove the current Trustee in accordance with section 3.04.

3.03 Resignation

If the Trustee desires to resign:

- (a) it shall notify the Company in writing thereof not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the intended resignation date and, during this period the Company shall appoint a successor Trustee, subject to the written approval of the Tribunal as provided in section 3.01; and
- (b) if a successor Trustee is not appointed within sixty (60) days of receipt of the written notice of resignation, the Trustee, at the expense of the Fund, shall have the right to seek appointment of a successor Trustee from the Tribunal or a court of competent jurisdiction.

3.04 Removal

- (a) If the Company delivers a written notice (“**Company’s Notice of Termination**”) to the Trustee specifying the intent to terminate the appointment of the Trustee hereunder for any reason, such appointment shall terminate on the thirtieth (30th) day following the date that the Company’s Notice of Termination is issued.
- (b) The Trustee shall cease to hold the office of Trustee if convicted of an offence involving dishonest conduct, becomes insolvent with the appointment of a

receiver or is in bankruptcy proceedings, or becomes a corporation that is dissolved or in liquidation.

- (c) If the Trustee ceases to hold office pursuant to 3.04(a) and (b), with the approval of the Tribunal, the Company shall appoint a successor Trustee meeting the requirements of section 3.02.

3.05 Obligations upon Resignation or Removal

Following the resignation or removal of the Trustee and subject to its rights hereunder, the Trustee:

- (a) shall continue to hold in trust the: (i) Fund; and (ii) all documents, information, and books and records created, received or maintained by the Trustee which relate to or arise or have arisen in connection with the performance by the Trustee of its duties hereunder (collectively with the Fund, the “**Fund Property**”);
- (b) upon receipt of payment for any outstanding amount for its services and expenses then unpaid, shall transfer, deliver and pay over to the successor trustee, the Fund and all Fund Property on deposit with or in the possession of the Trustee; and
- (c) shall have no duties, responsibilities or liability with respect to the acts or omissions of the successor trustee.

The successor Trustee shall, in its capacity as Trustee, take title to the Fund and possession of the Fund Property, secure the same and receive all accretions to the Fund (including contributions), and shall have no duties, responsibilities or liability with respect to the acts or omissions of any predecessor Trustee and shall hold and invest the Fund and be subject to all duties applicable to, and have all powers of, the Trustee under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE TRUSTEE

4.01 Responsibilities of the Trustee

The powers, duties and obligations of the Trustee shall be determined solely by Applicable Law and the provisions of this Agreement, and accordingly, the Trustee shall be responsible only for the performance of such powers, duties and obligations.

4.02 Trustee Receipt of Funds

- (a) All accretions to the Fund (including contributions) delivered to, and received by, the Trustee from time to time shall form part of the Fund, shall be held in trust upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, and shall only be disbursed or dealt with in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (b) The Trustee shall be solely responsible for all funds and other property delivered to it that form part of the Fund.

4.03 Investment of Fund

- (a) The Trustee shall invest the Fund in, and maintain the Fund invested in, Qualified Investments in accordance with a Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures received by the Trustee from time to time.
- (b) The Trustee shall have and be vested with the power to retain, invest or reinvest any assets constituting the whole or any part of the Fund in Qualified Investments, in accordance with the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, that the Trustee shall consider advisable including any Qualified Investments that are deposits, investment products or obligations issued or administered by the Trustee or its Affiliates, or by any one of more of its Affiliates or subsidiaries, notwithstanding that such investments may not be investments authorized by law for trustees.
- (c) All interest and other returns generated by the investment of the Fund shall be credited to, and shall become part of, the Fund (and any losses on such investments shall be debited to the Fund).
- (d) Subject to the Standard of Care, the Trustee shall have no liability for any investment losses resulting from investments made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, including any losses on any investment required to be liquidated prior to maturity in order to make a payment required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and any losses resulting from a loss of opportunity. The Trustee shall have no liability to any person should it be unable to invest all or any portion of the Fund as aforesaid for any period of time, subject to the Standard of Care.

4.04 Funds to be Used for Reclamation Obligations

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Trustee may only make distributions from the Fund for the sole purpose of funding the discharge of the Reclamation Obligations of the Beneficiaries of the Trust. For greater certainty, access to the Fund, including the precise amount of the Fund to be released for payment of amounts required to satisfy the Reclamation Obligations of the Beneficiaries, is subject to the Tribunal's written approval.

4.05 Release of Funds to a Beneficiary

- (a) The Trustee may release monies from the Fund to a Beneficiary to pay for the Reclamation Obligations on presentation by the Beneficiary of the following to the Trustee:
 - (i) a written direction or an order from the Tribunal issued in the name of the Beneficiary confirming the amount to be disbursed from the Fund and the timing of the disbursement; and
 - (ii) a certificate of an officer of the Beneficiary stating that the Beneficiary has not (1) ceased to carry on business; (2) become insolvent or committed any act of bankruptcy; (3) filed a petition for bankruptcy, or suffered a

petition for bankruptcy being filed, against it; (4) made any proposal to or sought arrangement with its creditors; (5) made an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (6) appointed or suffered the appointment of a receiver in respect of its property and/or assets; or (7) had or suffered proceedings being commenced (voluntarily or involuntarily) for the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of itself (any one or more of the foregoing events, a “**Default**”), and that to the officer’s knowledge, the Beneficiary will not suffer Default within the one (1) year period after the certificate is issued.

4.06 Release of Funds to a Third Party

The Trustee may release funds that are held in accordance with this Agreement to any third party for the purposes of funding the discharge of the Reclamation Obligations of a Beneficiary on presentation of a written direction or an order from the Tribunal issued in the name of the third party, with such direction or order confirming the amount to be disbursed from the Fund, and the timing of the disbursement. On receipt of the written direction or order, the Trustee may release the requested funds to the third party set out in the order or direction of the Tribunal.

4.07 Duties of the Trustee Regarding Release of the Requested Funds

- (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Trustee shall only draw on the Fund for the purpose of paying or reimbursing payment of the costs incurred to discharge Reclamation Obligations as and when required by section 4.05 and 4.06 and, then, only in accordance with the applicable direction or order from the Tribunal.
- (b) The Trustee may consult with the Company prior to calling in or redeeming Fund investments for the purpose of making a payment in accordance with sections 4.05 or 4.06.

4.08 Books, Records and Accounts

- (a) The Trustee shall maintain proper and accurate books, records and accounts of all transactions affected or controlled by the Trustee hereunder including the receipt, investment, reinvestment and disbursement of monies from the Fund, and shall provide to the Company:
 - (i) on or before the fifteenth (15th) Business Day following the last day of each month, a statement of account setting forth the account balance and all contributions paid to the Trustee and all relevant information concerning the funds held by the Trustee including information detailing all investments made, reinvestment undertaken, investment income earned, and disbursement of funds, during the immediately preceding month;
 - (ii) on or before the fifteenth (15th) Business Day following the end of each fiscal year of the Trust or such other period as may be agreed upon between the Trustee and the Company, a statement of account setting forth

the account balance and all contributions paid to the Trustee and all relevant information concerning the funds held by the Trustee including information detailing all investments made, reinvestment undertaken, investment income earned, and disbursement of funds, during such fiscal period or such other period so agreed upon;

- (iii) on or before the fifteenth (15th) Business Day after the removal or resignation of the Trustee or termination of the Trust, a statement of account setting forth the account balance and all contributions paid to the Trustee and all relevant information concerning the funds held by the Trustee including information detailing all investments made, reinvestment undertaken, investment income earned, and disbursement of funds, during the period commencing on the end of the period referred to in (ii) and ending on the date of such removal or resignation of the Trustee or termination of the Trust; and
 - (iv) any other report or information reasonably requested by the Tribunal, a Beneficiary, or the Company, or required by Applicable Law, including accounting and financial reports and an internal control report.
- (b) The Trustee shall, on reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours, make available to and permit the officers, employees and authorized agents of the Tribunal, the Company and the auditors of the Company to inspect, at an office of the Trustee located in the province of Alberta, all books, records and accounts, required to be maintained by the Trustee, in connection with this Agreement or as required by Applicable Law.
- (c) At the end of each calendar year during which the Trustee has held the Fund, the Trustee shall cause to be issued to the Company a form T-5, or other form as appropriate pursuant to the Tax Act, in respect of any interest, dividend, capital gains or other earnings or losses on the Fund.

4.09 Standard of Care

- (a) In the exercise and discharge of its obligations and duties at law or hereunder, the Trustee shall:
- (i) act honestly and in good faith;
 - (ii) exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent institutional trustee acting in like capacity would exercise in comparable circumstances; and
 - (iii) comply with the terms of this Agreement and Applicable Law, rules and regulations in respect of the Trustee's dealing with, or handling of the Fund pursuant to the terms hereof
- (collectively, the "**Standard of Care**").

- (b) The Trustee shall be responsible for loss occasioned by reason of the failure of the Trustee to comply with its obligations at law or duties under this Trust, or its negligence or willful misconduct on the part of itself, its employees, officers or agents.

4.10 Appointment of Advisors

- (a) The Trustee shall not enter into, amend, terminate or waive performance under contracts or agreements for service with a third party, including investment management, Custodian and advisory entities, unless the Trustee has first consulted with the Company in regard thereto.
- (b) Subject to the Standard of Care, the Trustee may appoint or retain such legal counsel, accountants, financial advisors, appraisers or other experts or advisors as may be reasonably required for the purpose of discharging its duties or exercising its powers hereunder and shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by, or misconduct on the part of, any of them. The Trustee may pay out of the Fund reasonable remuneration for all services performed for it by such advisors in the discharge of its duties or exercise of its powers hereunder without taxation for costs or fees of any counsel, solicitor or attorney, including solicitor fees on a solicitor and own client basis. The Trustee shall be responsible for holding such advisors to a commercially reasonable standard of care under their contract of appointment. Where such advisor has caused a loss to the Trust, the Trustee agrees, upon written request by the Company that the Trustee will pursue commercially reasonable remedies on behalf of the Trust against the advisor. If the Company has requested the Trustee to take such action and the Trustee is not doing so promptly or is not diligently pursuing such action, the Company may pursue any remedy against such advisor in the name of, and on behalf of, the Trust, but no property from the Fund may be used for the purposes of the Company pursuing such a remedy.
- (c) Subject to the Standard of Care, the Trustee may obtain and act on the opinion or advice of, or information obtained from, any solicitor, accountant, financial advisor, broker, auctioneer, surveyor, valuator, life or fire insurance advisor or other expert without diminution of compensation as Trustee and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by so acting or not acting, as the case may be, in relation to any matter arising in the performance of its duties or exercise of its powers under this Agreement, and the Trustee, subject to the Standard of Care, shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by so acting or not acting, as the case may be.
- (d) Subject to the Standard of Care, the Trustee is authorized to obtain investment management advice from investment managers or advisors to assist the Trustee with and to provide the Trustee with advice with respect to: (i) the investment and/or reinvestment of the assets of the Fund, and (ii) the exercise of any powers or functions relating to the investment and/or reinvestment of such assets. Such managers or advisors shall have such powers as the Trustee shall specify in writing, which may include the power at any time and from time to time to choose,

acquire, dispose of or change any such investment or reinvestment of assets of the Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee must consult with the Company with respect to the amount of monies to be invested or reinvested by each investment manager engaged to assist or advise the Trustee.

- (e) For the purposes of section 4.10(d), the Trustee may appoint and retain any Person for such purpose, including any of its Affiliates or any successors thereof, or any corporation with which any of these may amalgamate or become part thereof as a result of any reorganization, and it is acknowledged that such appointment may be made by the Trustee irrespective of any such relationship between them. All charges for such services shall be paid out of income or capital of the Fund as seems appropriate to the Trustee notwithstanding any association which may exist between the Trustee and any Person so employed. The fees and remuneration of any Person shall be an expense of the Fund and shall be in addition to the compensation payable to the Trustee. The Trustee may authorize any such Person to deposit any cash in or invest in or purchase securities, products and services of related and connected issuers of the Trustee or its Affiliates, notwithstanding that the Trustee, its Affiliates, any related and connected issuers, its agents and/or advisors may benefit therefrom. Neither the Trustee nor any Affiliate, related and connected issuer, agent or advisor shall be required to account for, or to give up, any such benefit.
- (f) The Trustee, for the purposes of this section, shall in no circumstances appoint the Company, or a Beneficiary, or any Affiliates of either.

4.11 Safekeeping of Funds

So far as is allowed by Applicable Law, the Trustee shall control and hold in trust, in such form and manner as may be necessary to impress a trust thereon as against any creditor or creditors of the Beneficiaries, all funds held pursuant to the terms hereof until such funds are disbursed or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4.12 Acceptance of Obligations

The Trustee hereby accepts the covenants and obligations set out in this Agreement and agrees to discharge the same upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, and to hold and exercise the rights, privileges and benefits conferred upon it by this Agreement for the purposes of the Trust.

4.13 Decision to Act or Not Act

The Trustee shall retain the right not to act and shall not be held liable for refusing to act unless it has received clear documentation which complies with the terms of this Agreement. The Trustee shall not retain the right not to act and shall be held liable for refusing to act where documentation which complies with the terms of this Agreement requires the exercise of any discretion or independent judgment on the part of the Trustee.

4.14 Trustee Not to Expend Own Funds or Borrow

None of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers.

The Trustee shall not, at any time, loan funds to, or borrow any funds for or on behalf of, the Trust.

4.15 Other Powers and Duties of the Trustee

For greater certainty, subject to the Standard of Care in administering the Trust and investing the Fund, the Trustee shall be specifically authorized to:

- (a) **Appoint Custodians.** Appoint or cause to be appointed domestic Custodians, including Affiliates of the Trustee, as to part or all of the Fund Property, provided the Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any losses or damages suffered by the Trust arising as a result of the insolvency of any such Custodian, except to the extent the Trustee failed to adhere to the Standard of Care in the selection, appointment, supervision or continued retention of such Custodian. The Trustee shall be responsible for holding its Custodians to a commercially reasonable standard of care under their contract of appointment. Upon request by the Company, the Trustee shall provide the Company with a list of its current Custodians. Where a Custodian has caused a loss to the Trust, the Trustee agrees, upon written request by the Company that the Trustee will pursue commercially reasonable remedies on behalf of the Trust against any such Custodian. If the Company has requested the Trustee to take such action and the Trustee is not doing so promptly or is not diligently pursuing such action, the Beneficiaries may pursue any remedy against such Custodian in the name of, and on behalf of, the Trust for the benefit of the Trust, but no property from the Fund may be used for the purposes of the Company pursuing such a remedy.
- (b) **Hold Investments.** Hold, or cause to be held, the Fund Property in nominee name, in bearer form, or in book entry form, in a Clearinghouse corporation or in a Depository (including an Affiliate of the Trustee, notwithstanding that the Trustee, its Affiliates, any related and connected issuers, their agents and/or advisors may benefit therefrom), provided that the Trustee's records clearly indicate that the assets held are a part of the Fund Property and provided that, subject to the Standard of Care, the Trustee shall not be responsible for any losses resulting from the deposit or maintenance of the Fund Property (in accordance with market practice, custom or regulation) with any recognized foreign or domestic clearing facility, book entry system, centralized custodial Depository, or similar organization.
- (c) **Purchase and Sell Property.** Purchase and sell and engage in other transactions, including receipts and deliveries, exchanges, exercises, conversions, subscriptions, and other voluntary corporate actions, with respect to the Fund Property.

- (d) **Exercise Owner's Rights.** Deal with any securities, shares, obligations or other interests of or in any organization, company or corporation included in the Fund from time to time; take up new or further shares, rights, obligations or other interests; join in plans for reconstruction or reorganization; exchange shares, rights, obligations, or other interests; give, receive and accept and exercise options; pay out of the Fund any monies which may be necessary for any of these purposes; and generally exercise any of the powers of an owner with respect to all assets held as part of the Fund Property.
- (e) **Deposit Cash.** Deposit, and comingle with other trust funds held by the Trustee from time to time, cash in interest bearing accounts in the deposit department of the Trustee, or any banking affiliate of the Trustee.
- (f) **Nominate Directors.** Nominate members of the boards of directors of corporations, and appoint representatives or trustees in connection with investments of the Trust whenever or wherever such right of nomination or appointment is available.
- (g) **Deal with Claims.** Settle, compromise or submit to arbitration any claims, debts or damages due or owing to or from the Trust and commence or defend suits or legal or administrative proceedings and represent the Trust in all suits and legal and administrative proceedings in any court or before any other body or tribunal as the Trustee shall deem necessary to protect the Trust, provided that the Trustee shall not be obligated to do so until it has first been indemnified by the Company to its reasonable satisfaction against any fees and expenses or liabilities which it may incur as a result thereof. For greater certainty, no property from the Fund may be used by the Company to indemnify the Trustee.
- (h) **Collect Income and Proceeds.** Collect income payable to and distributions due to the Trust and sign on behalf of the Trust any declarations, affidavits, certificates of ownership and other documents required to collect income and other payments, including tax reclamations, rebates and other withheld amounts and collect proceeds in respect of Fund Property that mature, provided that whenever an issuer of a Fund Property offers the Trustee the option of receiving dividends in shares or cash, the Trustee may elect to receive shares or cash as it determines in its sole discretion.
- (i) **Redeem Securities.** Present for redemption or exchange any Fund Property which may be called, redeemed, withdrawn or retired.
- (j) **Execute Instruments.** Make, execute and deliver any and all documents, agreements or other instruments as are necessary or desirable for the accomplishment of any of the powers and duties in this Agreement.
- (k) **Determine Value.** Determine the fair market value of the Fund Property not less frequently than quarterly and as at December 31 of each fiscal year, in accordance with methods consistently followed and uniformly applied and in accordance with the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures.

- (l) **Power to do any Necessary Act.** Generally take all action, whether or not expressly authorized, which the Trustee may deem necessary or desirable, acting in accordance with the Standard of Care, for the fulfillment of its duties hereunder.
- (m) **Self Dealing.** Deal with any Person which is an Affiliate of the Trustee, in which event neither the Trustee nor the Affiliate shall be accountable for any profit earned in the course of such dealing, provided that when the Trustee directly retains or appoints a Person at the expense of the Trust who is an Affiliate, the terms of such appointment, retainer, or other dealing shall be on a commercially reasonable basis and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the Standard of Care.

ARTICLE 5 REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES OF THE TRUSTEE

5.01 Trustee's Fees and Expenses of the Trustee

- (a) The Trustee shall be paid out of the Fund, as compensation for acting as Trustee, the fees, reimbursement and other compensation in the amount and manner as determined by the Company and the Trustee.
- (b) Such remuneration and all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in the administration of its duties hereunder (including legal fees and expenses on a solicitor and own client basis, investment expenses, including management and advisory expenses, and the reasonable compensation and disbursements of all other advisers, agents or experts employed or retained pursuant to this Agreement) shall be paid from the Fund.
- (c) The Trustee, and every delegate of the Trustee is to ensure that every expense item about to be incurred in the discharge of a Trustee duty or the exercise of a Trustee power is necessarily incurred and is demonstratively reasonable in cost, the intent of such prudence being to maximize the Fund resources that are available for Reclamation Obligations.

5.02 Payment of Trustee Fees

In the event the Trust created under this Agreement becomes liable to or subject to any fees or other amounts due to the Trustee pursuant to section 5.01 hereof, the Trustee shall be expressly authorized and entitled to draw from the Fund to pay such fees or other expenses without prior approval or instruction of the Tribunal.

5.03 Tax Filings and Payment of Taxes by the Trustee

- (a) The Trustee shall, after consultation with the Company, prepare and file or issue, on a timely basis, all income tax returns, elections and other forms which, by virtue of the Tax Act and applicable provincial tax legislation, must be filed or issued in respect of the Trust, and such other returns or forms as the Trustee, in consultation with the Company, determines to be necessary. In so doing, the Trustee may make any elections, determinations and designations under the Tax

Act or any other taxing statute which the Trustee, in consultation with the Company, deems advisable.

- (b) If the Trustee or the Company determines that an income tax return, election or other form previously filed or issued in respect of the Trust under the Tax Act or other taxing statute should be amended, such return, election or form shall be amended if the Trustee determines, in consultation with the Company, that such amendment complies with the provisions of the Tax Act or applicable taxing statute.
- (c) The Trustee shall be entitled to make payment of all applicable taxes payable by the Trust under Applicable Law out of the Fund to the appropriate taxing authority without prior approval or instruction of the Tribunal.
- (d) The Trustee shall give written notice to the Company of, and provide the Company the opportunity to dispute, material obligations of the Trust, such as tax assessments, including interest or penalties levied or assessed in respect of the Trust, and environmental assessments levied or assessed against the Trust, within fifteen (15) Business Days of receiving notice of such assessment. If, in the opinion of the Company, such tax assessment or environmental assessment is not lawfully assessed or exigible, the Trustee agrees, upon written request by the Company that the Trustee will contest, on a commercially reasonable basis, the validity of such tax obligation or environmental assessment. If the Company has requested the Trustee to contest the validity of such tax obligation or environmental assessment and the Trustee is not doing so promptly or is not diligently pursuing such action, the Company may contest the validity of such tax obligation or environmental assessment in the name of, and on behalf of, the Trust for the benefit of the Trust, but no property from the Fund may be used for such purposes.

5.04 Business Continuity

The Trustee shall, at all times that this Agreement is in force, maintain a commercially reasonable Business Continuity Plan.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE TRUST

6.01 Amendment

The Trustee may, by agreement with the Company, amend the terms of the Trust, including the terms and schedules of this Agreement. No amendment to the terms of the Trust or the terms of this Agreement will be binding or effective unless the Tribunal approves the amendment.

6.02 Trust Irrevocable

The Trust and the schedules hereto, which are hereby incorporated into the Trust, may not be revoked or reconstituted by the Company, Beneficiaries or any of them, or the Trustee, except

that the Tribunal in its total discretion may direct a termination of the Trust, and order such successive arrangements as are appropriate.

6.03 Sale of the Pipeline or a Portion Thereof

For greater certainty, assets from the Fund may be transferred to another QET for the purpose of funding Reclamation Obligations in accordance with this Agreement upon the Tribunal's direction or order, including any such direction or order that is made part of the Tribunal's direction or order approving the sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition of the Pipeline or a portion thereof from a Beneficiary to another person pursuant to paragraphs 181(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the CER Act.

ARTICLE 7 NOTICES

7.01 Acting on Written Notice

The Trustee shall not incur liability for acting in reliance on any written notice, request, consent, certificate, receipt, affidavit, statutory declaration or other paper or document furnished to it by or on behalf of any Person authorized to do so by the terms of this Agreement, not only as to its due execution and the validity and effectiveness of its provisions but also as to the verity of any information therein contained, provided the Trustee's reliance thereon is in accordance with the Standard of Care.

7.02 Mode of Giving Notice

Any notice or other document required to be given or delivered hereunder will be valid and effective if given by registered letter (postage prepaid), courier, by personal delivery, by email or by fax addressed by the party to whom such notice is to be given, and will be deemed to have been effectively delivered on:

- (a) the date of actual delivery, if couriered or personally delivered during normal business hours of the party to whom such notice is delivered (and if not, on the next following Business Day);
- (b) the first Business Day following the date of the fax, if faxed;
- (c) on the fifth Business Day after effectual posting, if sent by mail; or
- (d) the first Business Day following the date of the email, if emailed.

7.03 Addresses of the Parties

The addresses of the parties for purposes of this section shall be as follows, but may be changed by any party by the delivery of notice of such change in accordance with the notice requirements hereof:

NGTL GP LTD.
450 - 1st Street S.W.

Calgary, Alberta, T2P 5H1
Fax: 403.920.2358
Email: craig_rutkunas@tcenergy.com
Attention: Craig Rutkunas, Manager, Pension Assets

CIBC Trust Corporation
The Bow, 500 Centre Street S.E., 27th Floor
Calgary, Alberta T2G 1A6
Fax: 403.221.5414
Email: faith.gwatidah@cibc.com
Attention: Faith Gwatidah, Trust Officer

or to any other address notified by any party to the other parties.

7.04 Address of the Tribunal

Any notice or other document required to be given or delivered to the Tribunal shall be addressed to:

Secretary
Canadian Energy Regulator
210-517 10th Ave SW
Calgary, Alberta
T2R 0A8

ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS

8.01 Assignment and Enurement

This Agreement shall:

- (a) be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns;
- (b) enure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Company, any Beneficiary and its successors and permitted assigns; and
- (c) be enforceable against the Trustee by the Tribunal or His Majesty in right of Canada.

No party may assign this Agreement or any benefits or obligations hereunder without the approval of the Tribunal.

8.02 Applicable Law

This Agreement (and any amendments hereto) shall be governed by the law of the Province of Alberta and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

8.03 Residence

The Company and the Trustee represent that they are, respectively, a resident of Canada within the meaning of the Tax Act.

8.04 Severability

In the event that any provision hereof shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such determination, so far as permitted under Applicable Law, shall not affect such provision in any other respect or any other provisions hereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect.

8.05 Entire Agreement and Amendment

For greater certainty, this Agreement represents the entire agreement amongst the parties respecting the Trust and supersedes all prior discussions, agreements and understandings of every kind and nature amongst them.

8.06 Right to Disclose

The Trustee shall have the right to disclose any information disclosed or released to it if, in the opinion of the Trustee or its legal counsel, it is required to disclose under any Applicable Law, court order or administrative directions. The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable to any party for any loss or damage arising out of or in any way sustained or incurred relating to such disclosure.

8.07 Successor Trustee

Any company with which the Trustee may be amalgamated will become the successor Trustee hereunder without any further action on the part of the Trustee.

8.08 Review of Agreement

It is acknowledged that this Agreement shall be reviewed by the Trustee, the Company and the Tribunal at least every five (5) years, or earlier if directed by the Tribunal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

NGTL GP LTD.

Per: _____

Per: _____

CIBC TRUST CORPORATION

Per: _____

Per: _____

Schedule “A” – The Pipeline

The NGTL Pipeline System (the “**NGTL Pipeline**”) is an integrated natural gas pipeline system comprised of approximately 24,000 km of pipeline located in Alberta and British Columbia, and includes all branches, extensions, tanks, reservoirs, storage facilities, pumps, racks, compressors, loading facilities, interstation systems of communication by telephone, telegraph or radio and other equipment and facilities used in connection with the NGTL Pipeline, whether real or personal property, immovable or movable, including any real property rights and interests upon which such equipment and facilities are situated, and all intangible assets, rights and interests used primarily in the operation of the NGTL Pipeline.

The NGTL Pipeline is owned and operated pursuant to CER Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. GC-113 and other regulatory authorizations and approvals.

Schedule “B”

The relevant paragraphs of the definition of “qualified investment” in section 204 currently read as follows:

- (a) money (other than money the fair market value of which exceeds its stated value as legal tender in the country of issuance or money that is held for its numismatic value) and deposits (within the meaning assigned by the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* or with a branch in Canada of a bank) of such money standing to the credit of the trust,
- (b) debt obligations described in paragraph (a) of the definition “fully exempt interest” in subsection 212(3) [*being a bond, debenture, note, mortgage, hypothecary claim or similar debt obligation*]
 - (i) *of, or guaranteed (otherwise than by being insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation) by, the Government of Canada,*
 - (ii) *of the government of a province,*
 - (iii) *of an agent of a province,*
 - (iv) *of a municipality in Canada or a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada,*
 - (v) *of a corporation, commission or association to which any of paragraphs 149(1)(d) to (d.6)¹ applies or*

¹ The relevant paragraphs read as follows:

(d) **[corporations owned by the Crown]** — a corporation, commission or association all of the shares (except directors’ qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by one or more persons each of which is Her Majesty in right of Canada or Her Majesty in right of a province;

(d.1) **[corporations 90% owned by the Crown]** — a corporation, commission or association not less than 90% of the shares (except directors’ qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by one or more persons each of which is Her Majesty in right of Canada or Her Majesty in right of a Province;

(d.2) **[wholly-owned [by Crown corporation] corporations]** — a corporation all of the shares (except directors’ qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by one or more persons each of which is a corporation, commission or association to which this paragraph or paragraph (d) applies for the period;

(d.3) **[90% [Crown] owned corporations]** -- a corporation, commission or association not less than 90% of the shares (except directors’ qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by:

(i) one or more persons each of which is Her Majesty in right of Canada or a Province or a person to which paragraph (d) or (d. 2) applies for the period, or

(ii) one or more municipalities in Canada in combination with one or more persons each of which is Her Majesty in right of Canada or a Province or a person to which paragraph (d) or (d.2) applies for the period;

- (vi) *of an educational institution or a hospital if repayment of the principal amount of the obligation and payment of the interest is to be made, or is guaranteed, assured or otherwise specifically provided for or secured by the government of a province],*

(d.4) **[combined [Crown] ownership]** -- a corporation all of the shares (except directors' qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by one or more persons each of which is a corporation, commission or association to which this paragraph or any of paragraphs (d) to (d.3) applies for the period;

(d.5) **[municipally-owned corporation earning] income within boundaries of entities]** — subject to subsections (1.2) and (1.3), a corporation, commission or association not less than 90% of the capital of which was owned by one or more entities each of which is a municipality in Canada, or a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada, if the income for the period of the corporation, commission or association from activities carried on outside the geographical boundaries of the entities does not exceed 10% of its income for the period;

(d.6) **[subsidiaries of municipal corporations]** -- subject to subsections (1.2) and (1.3), a particular corporation all of the shares (except directors' qualifying shares) or of the capital of which was owned by one or more entities (referred to in this paragraph as "qualifying owners") each of which is, for the period, a corporation, commission or association to which paragraph (d.5) applies, a corporation to which this paragraph applies, a municipality in Canada, or a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada, if no more than 10% of the particular corporation's income for the period is from activities carried on outside

- (i) if a qualifying owner is a municipality in Canada, or a municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada, the geographical boundaries of each such qualifying owner,
- (ii) if paragraph (d.5) applies to a qualifying owner, the geographical boundaries of the municipality, or municipal or public body, referred to in that paragraph in its application to each such qualifying owner, and
- (iii) if this paragraph applies to a qualifying owner, the geographical boundaries of the municipality, or municipal or public body, referred to in subparagraph (i) or paragraph (d.5), as the case may be, in their respective applications to each such qualifying owner.

- (c) debt obligations issued by
- (i) a corporation, mutual fund trust or limited partnership the shares or units of which are listed on a designated stock exchange in Canada,²
 - (ii) a corporation the shares of which are listed on a designated stock exchange outside Canada,³ or
 - (i) an authorized foreign bank⁴ and payable at a branch in Canada of the bank,

² A “designated stock exchange” is defined in subsection 248(1) of the Tax Act as a stock exchange, or that part of a stock exchange, for which a designation by the Minister of Finance under Section 262 of the Tax Act is in effect. Section 262 gives the Minister the authority to designate a stock exchange or part thereof for the purposes of the Tax Act. Pursuant to subsection 262(4) of the Tax Act, the Minister of Finance is required to post on the internet website of the Department of Finance or by any other means considered appropriate, the names of the stock exchanges or parts thereof that are designated under Section 262. The current list can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/services/designated-stock-exchanges.html>. In Canada, the designated stock exchanges include the Canadian National Stock Exchange (CNSX), the Montreal Exchange, the TSX Venture Exchange (Tiers 1 and 2) and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

³ *Ibid*; The Department of Finance website referred to also includes the list of designated stock exchanges outside Canada.

⁴ An “authorized foreign bank” is defined in subsection 248(1) of the Tax Act as having the meaning in Section 2 of the *Bank Act* (Canada), being “a foreign bank that is the subject of an order under subsection 524(1)”. Subsection 524(1) states that on application by a foreign bank, the Minister may make an order permitting the foreign bank to establish a branch in Canada to carry on business in Canada under Part XII.1 of the *Bank Act* (Canada). The definition of “foreign bank” is found in Section 2 of the *Bank Act*. It reads:

“foreign bank”, subject to Section 12, means an entity incorporated or formed by or under the laws of a country other than Canada that (a) is a bank according to the laws of any foreign country where it carries on business, (b) carries on a business in any foreign country that, if carried on in Canada, would be, wholly or to a significant extent, the business of banking, (c) engages, directly or indirectly, in the business of providing financial services and employs, to identify or describe its business, a name that includes the word “bank”, “banque”, “banking” or “bancaire”, either alone or in combination with other words, or any word or words in any language other than English or French corresponding generally thereto, (d) engages in the business of lending money and accepting deposit liabilities transferable by cheque or other instrument, (e) engages, directly or indirectly, in the business of providing financial services and is affiliated with another foreign bank, (f) controls another foreign bank, or (g) is a foreign institution, other than a foreign bank within the meaning of any of paragraphs (a) to (f), that controls a bank incorporated or formed under this Act, but does not include a subsidiary of a bank named in Schedule I as that Schedule read immediately before the day section 184 of the *Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Act* comes into force, unless the Minister has specified that subsection 378(1) no longer applies to the bank.

- (c.1) debt obligations that meet the following criteria, namely,
- (i) any of
 - (A) the debt obligation had, at the time of acquisition by the trust, an investment grade rating with a prescribed credit rating agency,⁵
 - (B) the debt obligations have an investment grade rating with a prescribed credit rating agency,⁶ or
 - (C) the debt obligations were acquired by the trust in exchange for debt obligations that satisfied the condition in clause (A) and as part of a proposal to, or an arrangement with, the creditors of the issuer of the debt obligations that has been approved by a court under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* or the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, and
 - (ii) either
 - (A) the debt obligations were issued as part of a single issue of debt of at least \$25 million, or
 - (B) in the case of debt obligations that are issued on a continuous basis under a debt issuance program, the issuer of the debt obligations had issued and outstanding debt under the program of at least \$25 million,
 - (d) securities (other than futures contracts or other derivative instruments in respect of which the holder's risk of loss may exceed the holder's cost) that are listed on a designated stock exchange,⁷ and
 - (f) guaranteed investment certificates issued by a trust company incorporated under the laws of Canada or of a province.

The definition of “prohibited investment” in subsection 211.6(1) reads as follows:

“prohibited investment”, of a trust at any time, means a property that

- (a) at the time it was acquired by the trust, was described by any of paragraphs (c), (c.1) or (d) of the definition “qualified investment” in section 204; and
- (b) was issued by

⁵ Pursuant to regulation 4900(2) of the *Income Tax Regulations* (Canada), the following are prescribed credit rating agencies for the purposes of section 204: A.M. Best Company Inc.; DBRS Limited; Fitch, Inc.; Moody's Investors Service Inc.; and Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Supra note 2.

- (i) a person or partnership that has contributed property to, or that is a beneficiary under, the trust,
- (ii) a person that is related to, or a partnership that is affiliated with, a person or partnership that has contributed property to, or that is a beneficiary under, the trust, or
- (iii) a particular person or partnership if
 - (A) another person or partnership holds significant interest (within the meaning assigned by subsection 207.01(4) with any modifications that the circumstances require)⁸ in the particular person or partnership, and
 - (B) the holder of that significant interest has contributed property to, or is a beneficiary under, the trust.

⁸ Subsection 207.01(4) reads:

(4) [**Significant interest**] — An individual has a significant interest in a corporation, partnership or trust at any time if

(a) in the case of a corporation, the individual is a specified shareholder of the corporation at that time [...];

(b) in the case of a partnership, the individual, or the individual together with persons and partnerships with which the individual does not deal at arm's length, holds at that time interests as a member of the partnership that have a fair market value of 10% or more of the fair market value of the interests of all members in the partnership; and

(c) in the case of a trust, the individual, or the individual together with persons and partnerships with which the individual does not deal at arm's length, holds at that time interests as a beneficiary (in this paragraph, as defined in subsection 108(1)) under the trust that have a fair market value of 10% or more of the fair market value of the interests of all beneficiaries under the trust.