TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD Form FWP

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U.S.\$1,500,000,000 TransCanada PipeLines Limited

6.50% Senior Notes due 2018 **7.25%** Senior Notes due 2038

Issuer: TransCanada PipeLines Limited

Security: 6.50% Senior Notes due 2018

Size: U.S.\$850,000,000

Maturity Date: August 15, 2018

Coupon: 6.50%

Interest Payment Dates: February 15 and August 15, commencing February 15, 2009

Price to Public: 99.926%

Benchmark Treasury: 3.875% due May 15, 2018

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 4.060%

Spread to Benchmark

Treasury:

+245 bp

Yield: 6.510%

Make-Whole Call: At any time at the greater of par or a discount rate of Treasury plus 40 basis

points

Trade Date: August 6, 2008

Settlement Date: August 11, 2008

CUSIP: 89352H AF6

Anticipated Ratings: A3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

A- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

A by DBRS Limited

Joint Book-Running Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Managers: J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Co-Managers: Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.

Lazard Capital Markets LLC Mizuho Securities USA Inc. SG Americas Securities, LLC

Issuer: TransCanada PipeLines Limited

Security: 7.25% Senior Notes due 2038

Size: U.S.\$650,000,000

Maturity Date: August 15, 2038

Coupon: 7.25%

Interest Payment Dates: February 15 and August 15, commencing February 15, 2009

Price to Public: 99.962%

Benchmark Treasury: 5.000% due May 15, 2037

Benchmark Treasury Yield: 4.703%

Spread to Benchmark +255 bp

Treasury:

Yield: 7.253%

Make-Whole Call: At any time at the greater of par or a discount rate of Treasury plus 40 basis

Trade Date: August 6, 2008

Expected Settlement Date: August 11, 2008

CUSIP: 89352H AE9

Anticipated Ratings: A3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

A- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

A by DBRS Limited

Joint Book-Running Citigroup Global Markets Inc. J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. Managers:

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. Co-Managers:

> HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. Lazard Capital Markets LLC Mizuho Securities USA Inc.

SG Americas Securities, LLC

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