# TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD Form FWP

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#### U.S.\$750,000,000 TransCanada PipeLines Limited

#### 7.125% Senior Notes due 2019

Issuer: TransCanada PipeLines Limited

**Security:** 7.125% Senior Notes due 2019

Size: U.S.\$750,000,000

Maturity Date: January 15, 2019

**Coupon:** 7.125%

Interest Payment Dates: January 15 and July 15, commencing July 15, 2009

**Price to Public:** 99.977%

**Benchmark Treasury:** 3.750% due November 15, 2018

**Benchmark Treasury** 

Yield:

2.528%

**Spread to Benchmark** 

Treasury:

+460 bp

**Yield:** 7.128%

Make-Whole Call: At any time at the greater of par or a discount rate of Treasury plus 50 basis

points

**Trade Date:** January 6, 2009

**Settlement Date:** January 9, 2009

**CUSIP:** 8935268Y2

**ISIN:** US8935268Y20

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

A- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

A by DBRS Limited

**Joint Bookrunners:** Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.

**Co-Managers:** Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc

Mizuho Securities USA Inc. SG Americas Securities, LLC

#### **Outstanding Debt:**

As at September 30, 2008, the long-term debt (excluding guarantees and intercompany obligations between us and our subsidiaries) of our wholly owned subsidiaries totaled approximately \$3.6 billion. At September 30, 2008, as determined under Canadian GAAP, our total consolidated long-term debt, junior subordinated notes and long-term debt due within one year was, in aggregate principal amount, approximately \$15.9 billion (excluding our proportionate share of long-term debt of joint ventures).

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#### U.S.\$1,250,000,000 TransCanada PipeLines Limited

#### 7.625% Senior Notes due 2039

TransCanada PipeLines Limited **Issuer:** 7.625% Senior Notes due 2039 **Security:** U.S.\$1,250,000,000 Size: January 15, 2039 **Maturity Date:** 7.625% Coupon: January 15 and July 15, commencing July 15, 2009 **Interest Payment Dates:** 99.148% **Price to Public:** 4.375% due February 15, 2038 **Benchmark Treasury:** 3.098% **Benchmark Treasury** Yield: +460 bp **Spread to Benchmark** Treasury: 7.698% Yield: At any time at the greater of par or a discount rate of Treasury plus 50 basis Make-Whole Call: January 6, 2009 **Trade Date:** January 9, 2009 **Expected Settlement Date:** 8935268Z9 **CUSIP:** US8935268Z94 ISIN: A3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. **Anticipated Ratings:** A- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services A by DBRS Limited Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Joint Bookrunners:

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