

TC PIPELINES LP  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 15, 2006**

**TC PipeLines, LP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-26091**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**52-2135448**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**110 Turnpike Road, Suite 203**  
**Westborough, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**01581**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 871-7046**

**Not Applicable**

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02****Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2005, TC PipeLines, LP (the Partnership) issued a press release announcing financial results for the Partnership's fourth quarter 2005 earnings. A copy of the press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference. The press release discloses a financial measure, cash generated from investments, which is a non-GAAP financial measure as defined under SEC rules. The press release furnishes a reconciliation of this measure to its nearest GAAP financial measure. Reasons for the Partnership's use of this financial measure are disclosed in the press release furnished with this report.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K. Accordingly, the information in this report, including the press release, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Partnership under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

**Item 8.01****Other Events.**

TC PipeLines, LP owns a 30% general partner interest in Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border Pipeline). The remaining 70% is owned by Northern Border Partners, L.P., a publicly traded limited partnership controlled by ONEOK, Inc.

**Northern Border Pipeline's Revenues**

We have been advised by Northern Border Pipeline as set out in the table below that its average daily contracted firm capacity for 2005 declined by 4 percent from 2004. The pipeline's weighted average system rate for firm demand for 2005 was \$0.371 per million cubic feet (mcf), 1 percent below the 2004 average rate of \$0.376 per mcf. They have also advised that changes in both the average system rate and the average contracted capacity result from reduced demand for pipeline capacity and tighter natural gas market price spreads between Alberta, Canada and the U. S. Midwest in the shoulder months. Since Northern Border Pipeline's rates are based on the distance of the transportation path, the weighted average system rate varies due to changing transportation paths as well as discounting activity.

**Northern Border Pipeline Company****Total System Revenue Summary**

	Fourth Quarter		Full Year	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<b>Percent Contracted (1)</b>	101%	100%	97%	101%
<b>Weighted Average System Rate (\$/mcf)</b>	\$ 0.369	\$ 0.375	\$ 0.371(2)	\$ 0.376
<b>Total Revenue (Millions)</b>	\$ 80.0	\$ 82.7	\$ 312.3(2)	\$ 329.1

(1) Daily average contracted capacity compared to a design capacity of 2,374 mmcfd.

- (2) Amounts exclude revenue from sale of Enron bankruptcy claims.

**Northern Border Pipeline s 2006 Revenue Forecast**

Northern Border Pipeline has also stated that they anticipate that 2006 demand for transportation capacity will be similar to 2005 demand based on their expectation of Canadian natural gas supply and demand for natural gas in the Midwestern U.S. However, they have advised the level of discounting in 2006 may vary from 2005 depending upon current market conditions.

The following table represents Northern Border Pipeline s forecast of contracting and corresponding revenue expectations for 2006 and historical information for 2004 and 2005.

**Northern Border Pipeline Company**

**Total System Revenue Forecast**

(Years Ended December 31)

	<b>2004 Actual</b>		<b>2005 Actual</b>		<b>2006 Forecast</b>
<b>Percent Currently Contracted (1)</b>	101%		97%		73%
<b>Percent Expected To Be Contracted</b>	N/A		N/A		97% - 101
<b>Weighted Average System Rate (\$/mcf)</b>	\$ 0.376	\$	0.371(2)	\$0.350-	\$0.380
<b>Total Revenue (Millions)</b>	\$ 329		312(2)	\$305 -	\$320

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- (1) Daily average contracted capacity compared to design capacity of 2,374 mmcf.
- (2) Amounts exclude revenue from sale of Enron bankruptcy claims.

**Northern Border Pipeline Rate Case Update**

Northern Border Pipeline has advised that in December 2005, the FERC issued an order that identified the issues raised in in that proceeding and accepted Northern Border Pipeline's proposed rates but suspended their effectiveness until May 1, 2006, at which time their new rates would be collected subject to refund until final resolution of the rate case. A procedural schedule was established setting a hearing commencement date of October 4, 2006 and that an initial decision is scheduled for February 2007, unless resolved earlier with a settlement between FERC staff, Northern Border Pipeline and a majority its customers and subsequently approved by the Commission. Northern Border Pipeline in the meantime, has indicated increased revenues from the new rates will be reserved, thereby resulting in minimal impact to its financial results.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 15, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

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

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

Date: February 15th, 2006

By: /s/ Amy W. Leong  
Amy W. Leong  
Controller

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Number</b>		<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release dated February 15, 2006.	