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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MALQUIST MALYN K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

TC PIPELINES LP [TCP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

09/30/2012

717 TEXAS STREET, SUITE #2400

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 5. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative

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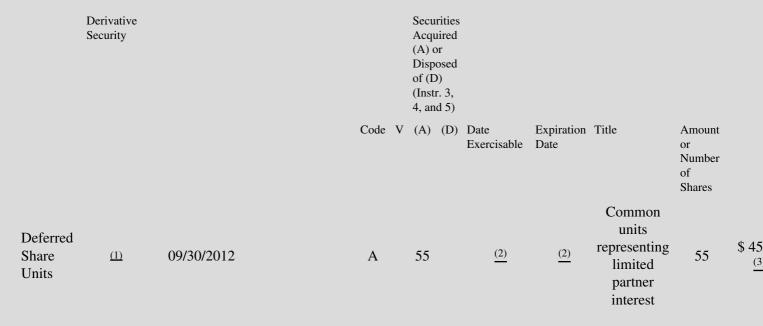
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MALQUIST MALYN K 717 TEXAS STREET, SUITE #2400 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

Signatures

/s/ Annie C. Belecki, Attorney for Malyn K.
Malquist
10/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Upon termination of service as a director, Deferred Share Units ("DSUs") recorded in the reporting person's account will be settled, at the reporting person's election, in common units representing a limited partner interest in TC PipeLines, LP ("Common Units") at no additional cost on a 1 for 1 basis or in cash of equivalent value, less applicable withholdings.

Date

- (2) The DSUs are immediately fully vested and are redeemable only following Mr. Malquist's termination of Board service.
- Mr. Malquist elected to have a portion of his annual retainer and attendance fees paid on a quarterly basis in the form of DSUs in lieu of cash. The number of DSUs is calculated based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Units on the last trading day of the quarterly payment period.

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