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An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1997, the Gas Distribution Act

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The Honourable Geoff MacLellan Minister of Energy

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1997, the *Gas Distribution Act*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 29 the following Section:

- 30 (1) In this Section, "upstream transportation of gas" means the transportation of gas to be ultimately supplied to a gas delivery system before the gas enters the gas delivery system.
- (2) A franchise holder who has been issued a licence may apply to the Board to enter into a contract for the upstream transportation of gas for the holder's gas delivery system.
- (3) Where an application is made pursuant to subsection (2), the Board shall, subject to such terms and conditions it considers appropriate, approve the application if
 - (a) the proposed contract is for a term longer than two years; and
 - (b) the Board determines that entering into the contract is prudent and in the public interest.
- (4) Where an application is approved under subsection (3), the franchise holder is entitled to recover its costs incurred under the contract in the rates, tolls and charges approved or fixed by the Board under subsection 22(1).