



## **ENTERPRISE AND ENBRIDGE BEGIN OPEN SEASONS FOR SEAWAY EXPANSION AND NEW CRUDE OIL PIPELINE TO PORT ARTHUR/BEAUMONT REFINING MARKET**

**HOUSTON and CALGARY, Alberta (January 4, 2012)** – Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (“Enterprise”) (NYSE: EPD) and Enbridge Inc. (“Enbridge”) (NYSE/TSX: ENB) today announced the start of concurrent binding open seasons to solicit capacity commitments from shippers for an expansion of the Seaway crude oil pipeline and a new pipeline that will be built from Enterprise’s ECHO terminal to Port Arthur, Texas. Enterprise and Enbridge recently announced plans to reverse the flow direction of the 500-mile, 30-inch diameter Seaway crude oil pipeline, enabling it to transport crude oil from the oversupplied hub in Cushing, Oklahoma to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The initial 150,000 barrels per day (“BPD”) of capacity on the reversed system could be available by the second quarter 2012. Following pump station additions and modifications, which are expected to be completed by the first quarter 2013, capacity would increase to 400,000 BPD, assuming a mix of light and heavy grades of crude oil. Depending on the results of the open season, which began at 9 a.m. CST January 4, 2012 and continues through noon CST February 10, 2012, the Seaway pipeline could be looped (or “twinned”) to create additional capacity.

The new 85-mile pipeline that will be built from Enterprise’s ECHO crude oil terminal southeast of Houston to the Port Arthur/Beaumont, Texas refining center will give shippers access to the region’s heavy oil refining capabilities. Service is expected to begin in early 2014.

Enterprise and Enbridge each own a 50 percent interest in the Seaway pipeline system, with Enterprise serving as operator. Additional information about the open seasons is available online at [www.seawaypipeline.com](http://www.seawaypipeline.com). For commercial inquiries, please contact:

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Enbridge today also launched the start of a separate open season for its Gulf Coast Access Project, which will transport crude oil from Flanagan, Illinois, south to Cushing via an additional line it will construct, and then to Houston and Port Arthur on the Seaway pipeline system joint venture. Further information about the Gulf Coast Access Project open season can be found at [www.flanagansouth.enbridgeus.com](http://www.flanagansouth.enbridgeus.com).

**About Enterprise Products Partners L.P.**

*Enterprise Products Partners L.P. is one of the largest publicly traded partnerships and a leading North American provider of midstream energy services to producers and consumers of natural gas, NGLs, crude oil, refined products and petrochemicals. Enterprise's assets include approximately: 50,000 miles of onshore and offshore pipelines; 192 million barrels of storage capacity for NGLs, refined products and crude oil; and 8 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage capacity. Services include: natural gas transportation, gathering, processing and storage; NGL fractionation, transportation, storage, and import and export terminaling; crude oil and refined products storage, transportation and terminaling; offshore production platform; petrochemical transportation and storage; and a marine transportation business that operates primarily on the United States inland and Intracoastal Waterway systems and in the Gulf of Mexico. Additional information is available at [www.enterpriseproducts.com](http://www.enterpriseproducts.com).*

**About Enbridge Inc.**

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energy, geothermal and hybrid fuel cells. Enbridge employs approximately 6,400 people, primarily in Canada and the U.S. and is ranked as one of Canada's Greenest Employers, and one of the Top 100 Companies to Work for in Canada. Enbridge's common shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol ENB. For more information, visit [www.enbridge.com](http://www.enbridge.com).

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