TRANSCANADA CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

þ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

OR

¨ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from __________ to __________

Commission File No. 1-31690

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Union 486 Plan #81732 – TransCanada 401(k)
and Savings IBEW 486 Plan
TransCanada USA Services Inc., 717 Texas Street, Suite 2400
Houston, Texas 77002

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

TransCanada Corporation
450 – 1 Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 5H1, Canada

UNION 486 PLAN #81732 – TRANSCANADA 401(K) AND SAVINGS IBEW 486 PLAN

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The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

NOTE:

All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

TRANSCANADA 401(K) AND SAVINGS
IBEW 486 PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR
THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Plan Administrator

TransCanada 401(k) and Savings IBEW 486 Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the TransCanada 401(k) and Savings IBEW 486 Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the TransCanada 401(k) and Savings IBEW 486 Plan as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information included in schedule H, line 4i – schedule of assets (held at end of year) at December 31, 2010 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. This supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2010 basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Omaha, Nebraska
June 23, 2011

TRANSCANADA 401(K) AND SAVINGS IBEW 486 PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31 (thousands of dollars)	2010	2009
Assets		
Investments at fair value (Note 3)	4,251	3,343
Notes receivable from participants	64	77
Employer contribution receivable	2	1
Net Assets Available for Benefits	4,317	3,421

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

TRANSCANADA 401(K) AND SAVINGS IBEW 486 PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31 (thousands of dollars)	2010	2009
Additions		
Contributions		
Employee contributions	509	455
Employer contributions	227	220
	736	675
Investment Income		
Net increase in fair value of investments (Note 3)	418	573
Interest and dividend income	70	56
Total Additions	1,224	1,304
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	327	43
Administrative expenses	1	1
Total Deductions	328	44
Increase in Net Assets Available for Benefits	896	1,260
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of Year	3,421	2,161
End of Year	4,317	3,421

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

TRANSCANADA 401(K) AND SAVINGS IBEW 486 PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The TransCanada 401(k) and Savings IBEW 486 Plan (the Plan) is a defined contribution plan that provides retirement benefits for employees of TransCanada USA Services Inc. (TCUSA or the Company) or its subsidiaries that have attained the age of 21 and are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 486. The Plan excludes employees hired under the Company's student program. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Board of Directors of TCUSA has appointed Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity or the Trustee) as custodian and trustee of the Plan's assets.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions, including rollovers, employer contributions and any earnings thereon. Employee rollovers are amounts transferred to the Plan from another qualified plan at the participant's request.

Payment of Benefits

Participants are eligible to request a distribution of their vested amounts upon retirement, death, total and permanent disability, severance of employment with the Company or, in very limited circumstances, in the event of financial hardship. Distributions are made in the form of a lump-sum payment or a rollover to another qualified account.

A participant's normal retirement age is 65, however, a participant may elect to withdraw all or a portion of their contributions after the age of 59½, subject to certain conditions. A participant may receive pension benefits commencing on or after the age of 55 provided they have terminated their employment with the Company.

Forfeitures

As participants are immediately 100 per cent vested in their account balance, there are no forfeitures.

Employee and Employer Contributions

Each year, participants may elect to defer a percentage of their eligible compensation into the Plan subject to an annual limit of the lesser of 60 per cent or $16,500 (2009 - $16,500), subject to certain limitations under the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). Participants age 50 or older who are making deferral contributions may also make catch-up contributions of up to $5,500. The Company will match 100 per cent of each participant's contributions up to a maximum of five per cent of the participant's compensation for the Plan year. To be eligible for employer-matching contributions participants must have completed one year of service.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings. Earnings are allocated from a particular fund based on the ratio of a participant's account invested in the fund to all participants' investments in that fund. Plan expenses are generally paid by the Company, which is the Plan Sponsor. Participant accounts are charged an administration fee related to their outstanding loans.

Participants are responsible for investment decisions relating to the investment of assets in their account. The Trustee carries out all investing transactions on behalf of the participant.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50 per cent of their vested account balance, reduced by the highest outstanding note balance in their account during the prior 12 month period. Note terms range from one to five years for general notes or up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable interest rate, as determined by TCUSA (the Plan Administrator), based on prevailing market interest rates at the time. Interest rates remain fixed throughout the duration of the term. Interest rates on notes outstanding at December 31, 2010 and 2009 ranged from 4.25 per cent to 9.25 per cent. Principal and interest are paid through payroll deductions.

A note receivable from a participant shall be considered in default if any scheduled repayment remains unpaid as of the last business day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the note is initially considered past due. In the event of a default or termination of employment the entire outstanding note and accrued interest is considered to be a deemed distribution to the participant.

Investment in TransCanada Corporation

Stock of TransCanada Corporation (TransCanada), parent company of TCUSA, is available to participants in the Plan. A participant's portfolio may consist of up to 10 per cent of TransCanada stock.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan Administrator is responsible for filing all required reports on behalf of the Plan. The Company provides or pays for certain accounting, legal and management services on behalf of the Plan. The Company has not charged the Plan for these expenses or services.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, with approval from its Board of Directors, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would be 100 per cent vested in their accounts.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on a going concern basis and do not purport to reflect the financial status of the Plan if it were terminated. These financial statements present the aggregate financial status of the Plan and provide no information about the portion of assets attributable to any individual member or group of members. Amounts are stated in U.S. dollars.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. The fair value of shares is determined by quoted prices in active markets using the closing sale price on the last business day of the Plan year.

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments consists of: (1) the unrealized gains or losses on investments held during the year and (2) the realized gains or losses recognized on the sale of investments during the year.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost basis.

Notes Receivable

Notes Receivable from Participants include the unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest.

Contributions and Payment of Benefits

Contributions are recorded in the period in which they become obligations of the Company. Benefits are recorded when paid.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

The Plan utilizes various investments, including common stock and mutual funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as counterparty credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in value of these investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities may occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The Plan's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance of investments managed by the Trustee is limited to the carrying value of such instruments. The Plan's concentrations of credit risk, interest rate risk and market risk are dictated by the Plan's provisions as well as those of ERISA and the participants' investment preference.

Fair Value Hierarchy

The Plan's financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized into three categories based on a fair value hierarchy. In Level I, the fair value of assets and liabilities is determined by reference to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. In Level II, determination of the fair value of assets and liabilities includes valuations using inputs, other than quoted prices, for which all significant outputs are observable, directly or indirectly. This category includes fair value determined using valuation techniques, such as option pricing models and extrapolation using observable inputs. In Level III, determination of the fair value of assets and liabilities is based on inputs that are not readily observable and are significant to the overall fair value measurement. There were no Level II or Level III items or transfers between categories in 2010 or 2009. Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are classified in the Level I fair value category as follows.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level I)	
December 31 (thousands of dollars)	2010	2009
Mutual funds		
Equity	2,658	1,986
Balanced	825	603
Money market	489	439
Fixed income	231	274
	4,203	3,302
Common stock and other	48	41
Investments at Fair Value	4,251	3,343

Significant Investments

The following is a summary of investments which represented five per cent or more of the Plan’s Net Assets Available for Benefits:

December 31 (thousands of dollars)	2010	2009
Baron Asset Fund	660	490
Fidelity® Retirement Money Market Portfolio	489	439
Fidelity® International Discovery Fund	443	499
Fidelity® Dividend Growth Fund	387	273
Fidelity® Equity Income Fund	296	