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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

### FORM 6-K

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2004 COMMISSION FILE No. 1-8887

# TransCanada PipeLines Limited

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

**450 - 1 Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 5H1, Canada** (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Form 40-F ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes o No ý

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The documents listed below in this Section and filed as Exhibits 13.1 to 13.3 and 99.1 to this Form 6-K are hereby filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the purpose of being and hereby are incorporated by reference in Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form F-9 to Registration Statement (Reg. No. 333-101140) on Form F-10 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

- 13.1
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- 99.1 Schedule of earnings coverage calculations at June 30, 2004.

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The document listed below in this Section and in the Exhibit Index to this Form 6-K is hereby filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

99.2 Comfort letter of KPMG LLP dated July 27, 2004.

#### **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, thereunto duly authorized.

#### TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED

By: /s/ RUSSELL K. GIRLING

Russell K. Girling Executive Vice-President, Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ LEE G. HOBBS

Lee G. Hobbs

Vice-President and Controller

July 27, 2004

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