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Dear Mr. Mosher:

**Westcoast Energy Inc., carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission  
(Westcoast)  
Application for the Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project (Application)  
Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate; and  
Legislated Time Limit and Decision on Process**

On 21 October 2016, the National Energy Board (Board or NEB) received Westcoast's Application for approval to construct and operate the Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project (Project) in northeast British Columbia. In its Application, Westcoast requested:

1. An order pursuant to section 58 of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act) exempting the applied-for facilities from the application of sections 30(1)(a) and (b) and 31 of the NEB Act and exempting the pipeline tie-ins from the application of section 47 of the NEB Act;
2. An order pursuant to Part IV of the NEB Act affirming that the cost of the Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project will be included in the Transmission North (Zone 3) cost of service and tolled on a rolled-in basis; and
3. Such further and other relief that Westcoast may request or the Board may consider appropriate.

The applied-for Project would consist of:

- construction of 28 km of 914 mm new natural gas pipeline in northeast British Columbia;

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- additional associated facilities, including pig sending and receiving facilities; and
- minor modification to piping at Westcoast's existing Compressor Station No. 2.

The Board notes submissions from Mr. Soloshy, Ms. and Mr. Embree and Mr. and Ms. Ketsa on 13 January 2016, 15 January 2016 and 10 March 2016 requesting a formal process. The Board also notes submissions from Mr. Houde on 14 January 2016 and from Mr. Soloshy and Ms. Point on 14 November 2016 regarding the Project, which did not comment on process.

On 7 December 2016, Westcoast filed a Project Update Letter, indicating that it plans to file an amendment to the Application as a result of a potential re-route to 1 km of the Project.

Following its receipt of the Application and related submissions, on 12 December 2016, the Board determined that, notwithstanding Westcoast's planned amendment, the Application is complete enough to proceed to assessment. The Board will hold a public hearing regarding Westcoast's Application which will enable interested parties to provide their views to the Board. The hearing could include written or oral components, or a combination of both. The Board will provide details about the hearing process and timelines at a later date.

The Chair has specified that the time limit for the Board to issue an order or dismiss the Application under subsection 58(4) of the NEB Act is 15 months. The time limit represents the maximum time in which the Board will complete its assessment from today's date, subject to any modifications allowed under the NEB Act.

In consideration of the Application, the Board is releasing its List of Issues for the Project which can be found at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/Wyndwood](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/Wyndwood). A copy is also attached to this letter as Appendix A.

Those who wish to participate in the hearing must apply to participate using the online Application to Participate form which will be available at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate) for a period of 3 weeks: from **10 January 2017** to **31 January 2017**. Applicants must clearly, and in sufficient detail, describe their interest in relation to the List of Issues.

Those applicants who demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that they are directly affected by the proposed Project will be allowed to participate in the hearing and those with relevant information or expertise may be allowed to participate.

Further details about participating in the hearing can be found in the Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate (Notice), attached, as well at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/Wyndwood](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/Wyndwood).

The Board directs Westcoast, with respect to the Notice (Appendix B), to:

1. Distribute copies of the Notice **no later than 22 December 2016** to:
  - its list of current and potentially affected landowners along the route;
  - its list of interested persons;
  - all municipalities and first responders likely to be impacted by the Project;
  - all aboriginal groups engaged by Westcoast; and

- all persons listed in Appendix D to this letter.
- 2. Post the Notice on Westcoast's Project website immediately.
- 3. Publish the Notice in the publications listed in Appendix C **as soon as possible but no later than 17 January 2017**.
- 4. Submit to the Board a complete list of dates when the Notice was published, after publishing the Notice.

Westcoast must make copies of the Application available for public viewing at various locations along the Project route. The Board directs Westcoast to make a list of these locations available on its Project website by **22 December 2016**. This list should indicate the street address of the locations where the Application will be available, the hours accessible, whether the Application is available in hard copy or electronic format, and in which official language the information is provided.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice please contact Lisa Zaplachinski (Lisa Zap), Process Advisor, at [Wyndwood.ProcessHelp@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:Wyndwood.ProcessHelp@neb-one.gc.ca) or telephone 1-800-899-1265.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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Secretary of the Board

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Ms. Lisa E. Point  
Mr. Joseph M. Houde  
Mr. David and Ms. Rosalinde Embree  
Mr. Bradley and Ms. Sanda Ketsa

Attachments:

- Appendix A - List of Issues
- Appendix B – Public Notice
- Appendix C – List of Publications
- Appendix D – Distribution List for Notification of Application to Participate

## **Appendix A**

### **Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project List of Issues**

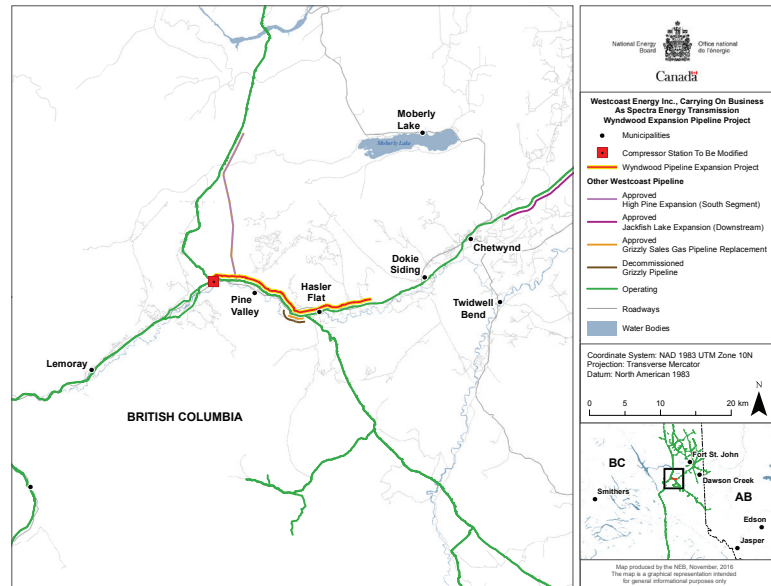
The Board has identified the following issues for consideration in the hearing with respect to the construction and operation of the proposed Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project (Project):

1. The need for the Project.
2. The economic feasibility of the Project.
3. The potential commercial impacts of the Project.
4. The toll and tariff methodology.
5. The potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the Project, including any cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from the Project, including those required to be considered by the NEB's Filing Manual.
6. The appropriateness of the general route and land requirements for the Project.
7. Potential impacts of the Project on Aboriginal interests.
8. Potential impacts of the Project on landowners and land use.
9. The suitability of the design of the Project.
10. Contingency planning for spills, accidents or malfunctions, during construction and operation of the Project.
11. Safety and security during construction of the Project and operation of the Project, including emergency response planning and third-party damage prevention.
12. The terms and conditions to be included in any recommendation or approval the Board may issue.

## Public Notice

# Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate Westcoast's Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project

The National Energy Board (Board) has received an application from Westcoast Energy Inc., carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast) for approval to build and operate 28 km of natural gas pipeline and associated facilities. The proposed Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project would be located southwest of Chetwynd, BC. This project is a loop of Westcoast's existing Fort St. John Mainline.



## Participating in the Hearing

The Board will hold a public hearing for the Project. The hearing could include written or oral components, or a combination of both. The List of Issues which the Board will consider in its assessment of the Project is available on the Board's website.

Those who are directly affected by the Project will be allowed to participate in the hearing and those with relevant information or expertise may be allowed to participate.

If you wish to participate, you must complete an online application form describing your interest in relation to the List of Issues, which will be part of the form. There are typically two ways you can participate in a hearing:

- **Commenter** - share your views on the Project with the Board in a written Letter of Comment.
- **Intervenor** - ask questions, present evidence, answer questions about your evidence, and give a final argument. Intervenor may be eligible for participant funding. Learn more at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/pfp](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/pfp)

The Application to Participate form will be available at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate) starting **10 January 2017** and will close on **31 January 2017** at **4:00 pm MST**. The Board will assess each application and will inform everyone who applied whether or not they will be allowed to participate and how they can participate.



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The National Energy Board is an independent federal regulator of several parts of Canada's energy industry with the safety of Canadians and protection of the environment as its top priority. Its purpose is to regulate pipelines, energy development and trade in the Canadian public interest.

## Appendix C

### List of Publications

Publication Name	Language or type of Publication	Region	Frequency of Publication
<b>Alaska Highway News</b>	English	Dawson Creek, British Columbia	Weekly
<b>La Source</b>	Francophone	British Columbia	10 January 2017
<b>Hudson's Hope Bulletin</b>	English	Hudson's Hope, British Columbia	Monthly
<b>Northern Horizon</b>	English	Northeast British Columbia	Bi-Weekly
<b>Dawson Creek Mirror</b>	English	Dawson Creek, British Columbia	Weekly
<b>Windspeaker (Raven)</b>	Indigenous	British Columbia	Bi-Weekly

## Appendix D

### **List of Persons for distribution of the Notification of Application to Participate (in Appendix B) for Westcoast Energy Inc., carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project**

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