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Ms. Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board
National Energy Board
517 – 10th Avenue SW
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Dear Ms. Young:

Re: Westcoast Energy Inc., doing business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast)
Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project (Project) - Amendment to the Project
National Energy Board (Board) filing A80172

Westcoast filed its application for the Project on October 21, 2016 (Application). In the Application, Westcoast indicated that it designed the Project route around three residents' properties in an effort to mitigate concerns raised by these residents with Westcoast's original plan to construct the Project across the three properties.

Since filing the Application, Westcoast has continued to consult with these residents and has purchased two of the properties, which Westcoast now owns in fee simple, and acquired a statutory right-of-way (ROW) in respect of the third. Accordingly, Westcoast hereby provides this amendment to the Project to revert to the original plan to construct the Project contiguous to the existing Fort St. John Mainline, thereby traversing these three properties.

The effect of this amendment, in summary, is as follows:

- The above three residents will have no outstanding concerns with the Project;
- It is anticipated that the concerns of a fourth landowner in respect of the previously proposed routing around these three properties will be mitigated;
- The length of the proposed Project will be reduced from approximately 28 km to approximately 27 km; and
- The footprint for the proposed Project will be reduced by approximately 3.7 ha.

Westcoast contracted Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to determine whether the proposed amendment would impact the conclusions contained in the environmental and socio-economic assessment (ESA) which was completed by Stantec and which formed part of the Application. Stantec undertook a desktop review in this regard and has provided the attached environmental memo (Attachment 1). It concludes

that with the implementation of the previously identified mitigation measures within the ESA, Environmental Protection Plan and Caribou Habitat Restoration Plan, adverse environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the proposed amendment will not be significant, nor will they change the environmental and socio-economic effects of the Project as presented in the ESA.

Westcoast also contracted Landsong Heritage Consulting Ltd. (Landsong) to determine whether the proposed route amendment would impact the conclusions contained in the archaeological impact assessment (AIA) which was completed by Landsong and which formed part of the Application. A desktop review will be completed in January 2017. The review will use available mapping, aerial imagery, results of previous AIAs and utilization of available models for archeological potential to determine if additional AIA work is required in respect of the area affected by the proposed route amendment. If additional field studies are required based on the results of the desktop study, field work will be carried out by Landsong in the spring of 2017 and this would result in a supplemental filing to the Application after the field work.

Notification letters outlining the amendment to the application, the scope of the proposed route change and relevant mapping will be sent out to stakeholders on January 3, 2017 (this is in deference to requests to minimize correspondence with such stakeholders during the holiday season). For additional information on consultation since the filing of the Application, please refer to the attached consultation log update (Attachment 2).

Updates to the Land Matters section of the Application, reflective of the amended route and progress since the Application was filed, are as follows. The land acquisition process in respect of the Project is now expected to be completed by the end of March 2017. Westcoast is negotiating agreements with eight private landowners representing sixteen parcels of land and, in addition to the two purchased parcels, Westcoast has entered into agreements with five landowners, representing seven parcels of land. The application to the BC Oil and Gas Commission for obtaining the new ROW from the Crown is planned for submission in January 2017. The updated land requirements from Table 5-1 and Table 5-2 for private and provincial Crown lands are as follows¹:

Updated Table 5-1 – Land Requirements for Private Lands

	Hectares	Acres
Pipeline ROW	24.653	60.918
Workspace	40.625	100.386
Log Deck	2.153	5.320
Total	67.431	166.624

¹ These land requirements do not include road and railroad allowance, which is why they differ from those contained in Attachment 1.

Updated Table 5-2 – Land Requirements for Crown Lands

	Hectares	Acres
Pipeline ROW	34.406	85.019
Workspace	51.309	126.787
Log Deck	3.608	8.915
Total	89.323	220.721

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Enclosures