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Ms. Diane Abel
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Dear Ms. Abel:

Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project (the Project)

The National Energy Board (Board) is a federal regulator that regulates pipelines across Canada, specifically pipelines that cross provincial boundaries and the border into the United States. The Board is contacting you since your community may be impacted by a pipeline project for which the Board has received an application.

On 21 October 2016, Westcoast Energy Inc. carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast) filed an application with the NEB regarding a proposed natural gas pipeline. The proposed project is known as the **Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project** (the Project). Attached to this letter you will find a summary of the Project, a project map, and Westcoast's contact information.

After receipt of an application and ensuring it is complete, the Board will schedule a public hearing on this Project that may be written, oral or a combination of both. One purpose of the hearing process will be to test the Project information (referred to as evidence in the hearing), which will have been filed with the Board. The information will be publicly available on our website at <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/>. This information will include details of Westcoast's Aboriginal consultation program and the outcomes of that program. It will also include information from Westcoast regarding the impacts the Project may have on Aboriginal interests and any proposed mitigation measures.

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Another purpose of the hearing process will be to allow persons who are directly affected by the Project, or have relevant information or expertise relating to the project, to express their views. These could include views in favour or against the Project or views on how the Project may impact Aboriginal communities, the use of traditional territory and any potential or established Treaty or Aboriginal rights.

The Board will make a decision of whether to approve the Project by weighing both the positive and negative impacts of the Project. Should the Project be approved, conditions may be imposed to ensure any negative impacts will be mitigated or eliminated.

The Participant Funding Program (PFP) offers modest funding to support participation in this hearing. For more information on eligibility and how to apply for funding, visit www.neb-one.gc.ca/pfp. If you have any questions, please email PFP.PAFP@neb-one.gc.ca or call 1-800-899-1265 (toll-free) or 403-299-2790 (direct).

With respect to Aboriginal consultation for this Project, the Crown is relying on the NEB process to the extent possible. Accordingly, the Crown encourages all Aboriginal groups whose established or potential Aboriginal or treaty rights could be affected by the Project to apply to participate in the Board's public hearing process. Should you have any questions with respect to the broader Crown approach to Aboriginal consultation for this Project, please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Clausen, Manager of Aboriginal Affairs, Petroleum Resources Branch, Natural Resources Canada, at 613-808-7998 or via email at scott.clausen@canada.ca.

If you have any questions about the process, the PFP, or how to participate in the hearing, staff at the Board would be pleased to provide such information over the phone or at a meeting in your community. Nancy MacWhirter, an Aboriginal Engagement Specialist, will contact you in the next week or so to see if you are interested in such information. Alternatively, you may contact Nancy MacWhirter directly at 403-299-3579, through the Board's toll free number at 1-800-899-1265 or by e-mail at nancy.macwhirter@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by L. George for

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachments - Project Summary, Map and Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate

c.c. Mr. Scott Clausen, Natural Resources Canada, Facsimile: 613-995-7555,
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Mr. Matthew Mosher, Coordinator, Regulatory Facilities, Westcoast Energy Inc.,
carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission, Facsimile: 403-699-1585
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Attachment 1

Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project Project Summary

Westcoast Energy Inc., doing business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast) is applying for approval to construct and operate certain expansion facilities in Zone 3 of the Westcoast pipeline system (the Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project or Project). The Project is located in the Peace River District southwest of Chetwynd, British Columbia (BC) near Stone Creek and extends approximately 28 kilometres (km) west to Westcoast's existing Compressor Station No. 2 (CS 2) at Willow Flats.

The Project would consist of 28 km of natural gas pipeline (NPS 36) as well as pig sending and receiving facilities and minor modifications to piping at an existing compressor station. The Project is a loop of the existing Fort St. John Mainline.

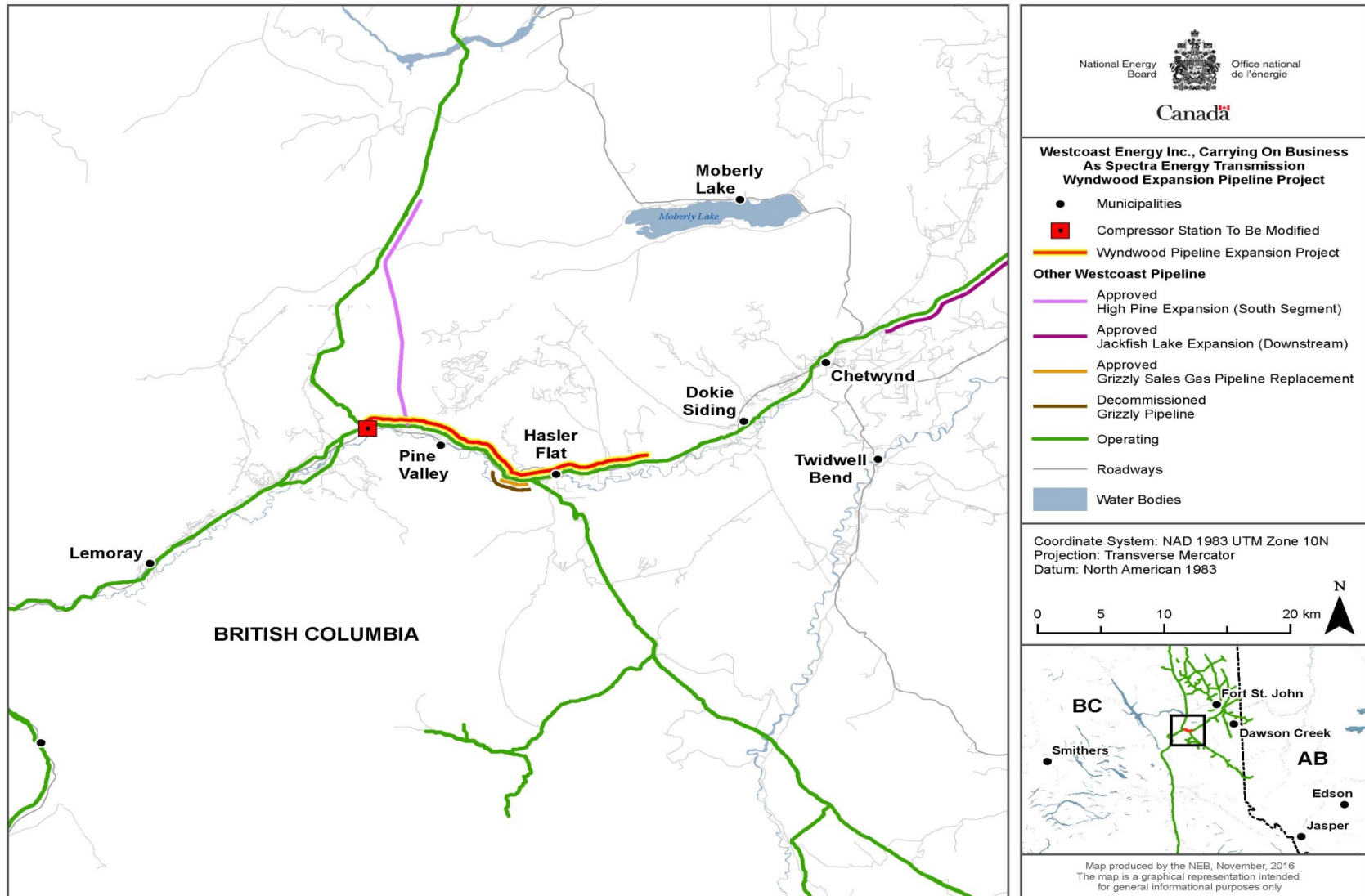
If you would like to discuss details or require additional information about the Project, the Board encourages you to contact the applicant, Westcoast, directly at:

Mr. Matthew Mosher
Coordinator, Regulatory Facilities
Facsimile 403-699-1585
Email: mrmosher@spectraenergy.com

If you would like a copy of the Project Application, it can be found on the National Energy Board website (<http://www.neb-one.gc.ca>).

Attachment 2

Wyndwood Pipeline Expansion Project Map



Attachment 3

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.

The Application to Participate form will be available at 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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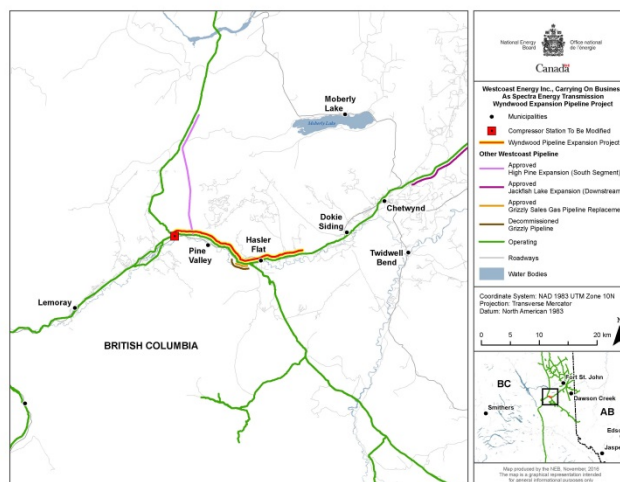
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