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Councillor Lorne Morin
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Dear Councillor Morin:

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)
Peace River Mainline Abandonment Application

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 a filing.

On 18 August 2016, NGTL filed an application with the NEB regarding the abandonment of the Peace River Mainline gas pipeline. The proposed project is known as the Peace River Mainline Abandonment (the Project). Attached to this letter you will find a summary of the Project, a project map, and NGTL's contact information.

The Board will be scheduling a public hearing on this Project. 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/ and can be accessed by clicking on "View Regulatory Documents" under the heading "Applications and Filings"[1]. This information will include details of NGTL's Aboriginal consultation program and the outcomes of that program. It will also include information from NGTL regarding the impacts the Project may have on Aboriginal interests and any proposed mitigation measures.

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

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[1] To see the application filed by NGTL, enter the Document ID number A79036 in the yellow "Looking for filings?" box and click on "Go".

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impact Aboriginal communities, the use of traditional territory and any potential or established Treaty or Aboriginal rights.

The Board will make a decision whether to allow NGTL leave to abandon by weighing both the positive and negative impacts of the Project. If the Board issues an Order granting leave to abandon, it may impose conditions to ensure any negative impacts are mitigated or minimized.

The Board has established a Participant Funding Program to facilitate participation in the Board's regulatory process for oral facility hearings. For your information, we have attached a copy of the Participant Funding Program Notice. You can also find the Participant Funding Program Guide online at http://www.neb-one-gc.ca.

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.

If you have any questions about the process, the Participant Funding Program, 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. Thea Wingert, 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 Thea directly at 403-299-3315, through the Board's toll free number at 1-800-899-1265, or by e-mail at thea.wingert@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by L. George for

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachments - Project Summary, Map and Participant Funding Notice

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Attachment 1

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Peace River Mainline Abandonment
Project Summary

Nova Gas Transmission Ltd (NGTL), a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Pipelines, applied to the National Energy Board (NEB) on August 18, 2016 to abandon a 266 kilometre section of the Peace River Mainline in Northern Alberta. A nine km section of the pipeline on Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Reserve Land will be removed and the remaining approximately 257 km of pipeline will be abandoned in place. The proposed project includes the abandonment of 2.34 km of the Watino Lateral Pipeline and the 0.80 km Hotchkiss North Lateral. The company also plans to remove associated above ground facilities such as the previously decommissioned Valleyview Compressor Station, utilities, buildings and foundations. NGTL indicated in its application that customers would continue to receive service through interconnections to other pipelines on the Alberta System.

The section of pipeline that will be abandoned is located approximately 34 km west of Peace River between the Meikle River and the Valleyview compressor stations in Clear Hills, Northern Lights, Peace, Birch Hills and Greenview counties.

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

Dan Wyman
Regulatory Project Manager
Telephone: 403-920-6296
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If you would like a copy of the application, it can be obtained from Dan Wyman. It can also be found on the Board website (http://www.neb-one.gc.ca) by clicking on “View” under the heading “Regulatory Documents”, entering the Document ID number A79036 in the yellow “Looking for filing?” box, and clicking on “Go”.

Peace River Mainline Abandonment Map

