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**Attention: Ms. Sheri Young, Secretary of the Board**

Dear Ms. Young:

**Re: National Energy Board (Board) Ruling No. 1  
Energy East Pipeline Ltd. and TransCanada PipeLines Limited  
(collectively, the “Applicants”)  
Energy East Project, Asset Transfer and Eastern Mainline Project  
NEB File OF-Oil-E266-2014-01 02**

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In Ruling No. 1.2 of 27 January 2017, the Board provided an opportunity for comments on a joint hearing for the Energy East Project and Asset Transfer (Energy East) and the Eastern Mainline Project (Eastern Mainline) applications. The Applicants recognize the interconnections between the two applications and the potential efficiency created by a coordinated hearing process, with one record, reviewed by one Panel of Board Members. Accordingly, the Applicants support a joint hearing for the Energy East and the Eastern Mainline applications.

In the interest of process clarity and ease of access to information for all hearing participants, the Applicants request that the Board process the Eastern Mainline application separate from the Energy East application. The process would entail, a separate but parallel, List of Issues, Factors and Scope of the Factors for Environmental Assessments, Information Requests, Applications to Participate and an Exhibit List, for each application. Further, to assist hearing participants with preparation for an oral hearing or consultation process, the Applicants request that the Board consider, to the extent possible, clearly designating processes or portions thereof, for the Eastern Mainline application.

The Applicants await the Board’s direction on the joint hearing in order to plan for the upcoming hearing process.

Sincerely,

**Energy East Pipeline Ltd. and TransCanada PipeLines Limited**

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