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To: All Stakeholders

Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act
Decision of the Chair Regarding Time Limits for the Processing of Applications
filed under section 52, 58, and 58.16 of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act)

The National Energy Board (the Board) wishes to communicate the establishment of time limits for future applications before the Board under sections 52, 58, and 58.16 of the NEB Act. Gaétan Caron, the Chair of the Board, has determined the standard time limits for these applications based on past practice of the Board with the attached Record of Decision.

The Chair may establish, in some cases, different time limits if there are project specific factors that need to be considered prior to establishing a time limit for the assessment of that project. In all cases, the time limit will be no later than 15 months from the Board's determination that a section 52, 58 or 58.16 application is complete.

Once an application under section 52, 58, and 58.16 has been determined to be complete, a letter will be sent to the company, setting out the start and end dates of the time limits. For information on the determination of completeness, refer to the Board's Filing Manual on its Website:
www.neb-one.gc.ca.

The Board is committed to timely consideration of applications in accordance with its existing Service Standards. The Board will undertake a review of its Service Standards and will communicate shortly regarding this review.

For questions or further clarification, please contact Jamie Kereliuk, Business Unit Leader, Applications, at 403-299-2793.

Yours truly,

For
Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachment



RECORD OF DECISION
CHAIR APPROVAL OF TIME LIMITS
Applications pursuant to section 52, 58, and 58.16
of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act)

1. Having considered the factors that have historically arisen in section 52, 58 and 58.16 applications, such as a project's level of complexity, the estimated number and type of information requests that may be generated and the probability of third-party interest, I have determined that the following time limits will apply for the assessment of facility applications under section 52, 58 and 58.16 of the NEB Act.

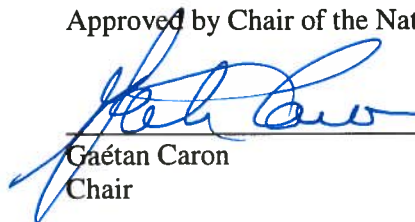
2. The time limits are as follows:

Section 58 Non-Hearing	
Category¹	Time Limit
A	130 days
B	210 days
C	300 days

Section 58, 58.16, or 52 Hearings	
Process	Time Limit
Written	15 months
Oral	15 months

3. Time limits will commence with the Board's Decision on the completeness of an application to proceed to assessment.
4. I retain the discretion to vary the time limit for a specific project application based on factors related to that project application.
5. In all cases, the time limit, including any time limit varied under clause 4, will be no later than 15 months from the Board's determination that a section 52, 58 or 58.16 application is complete.

Approved by Chair of the National Energy Board, on 6 July 2012.


Gaétan Caron
Chair

¹ Please see the Board's website for further information on the [Categories for Section 58 Non-Hearing Applications](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/categories-section-58-non-hearing-applications).