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Dear Terry Jordan:

**Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited
Application for Decommissioning Activities for the Pierceland Supply Project
pursuant to section 69 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act***

Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited (**MIPL**) applied for a variance of Order XG-017-2020, as amended, for the Pierceland Supply Project on 28 March 2024 (**Application**), pursuant to section 69 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act (CER Act)* to decommission approximately 30 metres of Nominal Pipe Size 10 pipe and associated facilities (**Pipeline Segment**). The Pipeline Segment was not required for the operation of the final installation and was not accounted for in MIPL's Pierceland Supply Project application. Although MIPL applied under section 69 of the CER Act, the Commission finds the nature of the activities proposed to be more appropriately assessed as a decommissioning under the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations (OPR)*. The Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator approves the request to decommission the Pipeline Segment and issues Order MO-017-2024 (**Order**) pursuant to subsection 68(1) of the CER Act and section 45.1 of the OPR.

The 30 metres of nominal pipe size 10 pipe to be removed was previously isolated from the system, has no internal pressure, and was capped at one end. The other end of the pipe will be disconnected from a flanged connection enabling it to be removed. The flanged connection on the operating system will be capped at a pressure tested blind flange.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to decommission and remove the Pipeline Segment and associated facilities as requested by MIPL. The Commission is satisfied that MIPL's commitments and planned mitigation measures are sufficient to protect the environment and public safety during work to decommission the pipeline and while the pipeline is in a decommissioned state. The Commission is satisfied that, with the implementation of MIPL's environmental protection procedures and mitigation measures, and the conditions imposed by the Commission, the decommissioning will have no or negligible environmental or socio-economic effects. For these same reasons, and given the location, where all decommissioning work will occur within an existing yard site parcel with operating facilities, the Commission is satisfied that there will be no or negligible effects on

the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples or on Traditional Land Use activities. When the CER received the application, it did not directly notify Indigenous communities who may have known or asserted traditional territory in the Project area because the information in the application indicated that the potential for adverse effects on the exercise of rights in the Project area would be none or negligible.

MIPL noted the potential for contamination within the Project site due to adjacent third-party facilities. Therefore, the Commission reminds MIPL to adhere to the CER's [Remediation Process Guide](#), particularly Section 9.0 which describes the actions that companies must undertake if they encounter third-party contamination

The Commission is conditioning its approval of the Application on MIPL filing the actual cost information of the decommissioning after completion. The Commission notes that consistent reporting of cost information across time and companies could prove useful for improving or validating Abandonment Cost Estimate methodologies and results in future.

The Commission grants relief through the issuance of attached Order, pursuant to section 45.1 of the OPR and subsection 68(1) of the CER Act. The Commission reminds MIPL that it continues to be responsible for meeting all legislative requirements with respect to the decommissioned pipeline, including those under the OPR.

The Commission directs MIPL to serve a copy of this letter and the attached Order and its Schedule A on all interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

K. McAllister for

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

Attachment