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Mr. Terry Jordan Senior Legal Counsel Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited 1000 - 1777 Victoria Ave Regina, SK S4P 4K5 Email tjordan@saskenergy.com

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited (MIPL(C)L) Application for the Pierceland Supply Project (Project) under Section 58 of the National Energy Board Act (NEB Act) Legislated Time Limit and Decision on Process

On 12 June 2019, the National Energy Board (NEB) received an application from MIPL(C)L (the Application) for the Project. On 28 August 2019, the Canadian Energy Regulator Act (CER Act) came into force and the NEB Act was repealed. Section 36 of the transitional provisions associated with the CER Act states that applications pending before the NEB immediately before the commencement day are to be taken up before the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (Commission) and continued in accordance with the NEB Act. The Commission received and issued subsequent filings on 18 July 2019, 31 July 2019, 5 September 2019, 20 September 2019, 24 September 2019, 4 October 2019, 9 October 2019, 11 October 2019, 17 October 2019, 24 October 2019, 2 December 2019, 13 January 2020, and 3 February 2020.¹

On 24 March 2020, following its examination of the Application, and all other submissions, the Commission determined that the Application was complete and may proceed through the assessment process.

In accordance with previous timeline decisions set out under the NEB Act, the Application has been assigned a Category C designation. Specifically, the time limit for the Commission to issue an order or dismiss the Application under subsection 58(4) of the NEB Act is 300 days. The time limit represents the maximum time in which the Commission will complete its assessment from today's date, subject to any modifications allowed under the NEB Act. The NEB also has established service standards, which the Commission will apply, that state 80 per cent of all decisions will be released by a target date. The service standard for a Category C application is 120 calendar days calculated from the date of this letter.

¹ All filings on the record for this Project can be found on the CER website at http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca - click on "Applications & Filings" under the heading "View Regulatory Documents", then enter the Document Number Application for Pierceland Supply Project and click on "Go".



At this time, the Commission is of the view that the process steps set out in Appendix I will allow the Commission to obtain sufficient information to complete its evaluation of the Application. The Commission can modify its process if it determines that, based on the submissions received, further process is necessary.

Interested persons that have new or additional comments about the proposed Project, which they wish the Commission to consider, must file a written letter of comment with the Commission by **30 April 2020**. Existing letters of comment already on the record do not need to be re-filed. If MIPL(C)L chooses to reply to the comments of interested persons, MIPL(C)L must file its comments with the Commission by **7 May 2020**, and serve its comments on all interested persons.

The CER's preferred filing method is online through its <u>e-filing tool</u>, which provides step-bystep instructions. If unable to file a document online, it may be filed by email to <u>Secretary@cer-rec.gc.ca</u> until further notice due to COVID-19 and our limited operational ability.

The CER is dedicated to the safety and well-being of its staff, Indigenous communities, the public, and all those with whom we work closely. For more information on how the CER is continuing its regulatory oversight during the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to the following letter issued 16 March 2020:

https://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/bts/nws/whtnw/2020/2020-03-16-eng.html.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Shannon Vollema Director, at 403-390-8634, or through the Commission's toll-free number at 1-800-899-1265.

The Commission directs MIPL(C)L to serve a copy of this letter on all interested persons, including any person that has already filed a letter of comment on the Application, by **31 March 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

L. George Secretary of the Commission

Attachments