

Engagement Policy for National Energy Board Regulated Projects

“Engagement” encompasses stakeholder engagement, community relations, public participation and social responsibility, and includes both engagement of affected persons or groups on a voluntary basis by a project proponent or owner, and applicable legal duty to consult requirements.

Purpose

As new projects are identified under the jurisdiction of the *National Energy Board Act* and its corresponding regulations, Engagement of potentially affected persons and groups is desired. This policy will guide the development, operation and documentation of Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited (MIPL(C)L) Engagement activities.

Policy

MIPL(C)L Engagement shall be appropriately integrated into the corporate Unified Management System, and shall conform to the management system expectations of the National Energy Board (NEB), as amended from time to time.

MIPL(C)L Engagement shall be in accordance with an Engagement Process for Many Island Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited to be developed and approved annually by the UMS Steering Committee. This Engagement Process will establish a systematic, comprehensive and proactive approach for the development and implementation of project-specific consultation activities. It shall provide protection for the public, employees, property and the environment throughout the lifecycle (design, construction, operation, maintenance, abandonment) of a pipeline system.

MIPL(C)L Engagement shall:

- be initiated as soon as possible in the planning and design phase of a project;
- provide clear, relevant and timely information to potentially affected persons or groups;
- be accessible to and inclusive of all potentially affected persons or groups;
- be responsive to the needs, input and concerns of potentially affected persons or groups; and continue throughout the regulatory process, as well as the construction and operation phases of a project.

MIPL(C)L will consider Engagement for all projects. Depending on the project scope, that could mean carrying out extensive Engagement activities or a simple Engagement activity such as notifying a single landowner. MIPL(C)L participation in Engagement activities should not be construed as an admission that consultation is required by law. Staff are responsible to justify the extent of Engagement carried out for each NEB project, and to document the Engagement, the outcome, and the justification. Where possible, staff shall make use of the Board's publications to inform potentially affected persons about the NEB and its processes.

While NEB sourced documentation, terminology and definitions can be adopted in most instances, staff should be aware that MIPL(C)L is itself an agency of the Government of Saskatchewan, and that different considerations may apply relative to other NEB project proponents.

MIPL(C)L will further:

1. Assess and fulfill its NEB duty to consult responsibilities in compliance with the *Government of Saskatchewan's First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework* (CPF) that is consistent with the process set out in the *Duty to Consult Process Guide for Saskatchewan Government Officials* - <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/first-nations-citizens/duty-to-consult-first-nations-and-metis-communities#duty-to-consult>;
2. When acting as a project proponent, follow the guidance in the *Proponent Handbook: Voluntary Engagement with First Nation and Métis Communities to Inform Government's Duty to Consult Process* - <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/first-nations-citizens/>;and
3. Comply generally with Crown Investments Corporation (Saskatchewan) *CIC Duty to Consult Policy*; each publication reference shall be to the publication as amended or replaced from time to time.

Apparent conflict between Government of Saskatchewan and Government of Canada guidance should be addressed in consultation with the corporate legal department.