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June 24, 2013

The Honourable Steve Thomson Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations P.O. Box 9049, Stn. Prov. Gov't Victoria BC V8W9E2 Sent via email - followed by mail

Dear Minister Thomson:

On behalf of Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines, I would like to congratulate you on your reappointment as Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

British Columbians have sent a clear message. British Columbians want a strong economy to ensure people have jobs and the social services they value most while also protecting the environment. We fully support British Columbians' values and the Premier's five conditions.

We also recognize, as identified in the Province's final arguments filed on May 31, 2013, that in its opinion, we have not gone far enough. We believe that by working together we can make real progress on addressing British Columbians and the Province's concerns and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to initiate this work.

Lastly, I would like to seek your support to advance the Temporary Permit applications to perform geotechnical investigations along the proposed Northern Gateway Project route which were submitted to your Ministry approximately 6 months ago. In the Province's submission to the Joint Review Panel on May 31, 2013, it correctly highlights that our analysis of the geohazards that the pipeline could face is at a preliminary stage. Approval of these permits would allow us to perform low-impact investigative work to gather subsurface data of a scientific and technical nature at selected locations along the proposed Project corridor to identify geotechnical hazards to further inform the pipeline routing and spill prevention/mitigation strategies. Work may include drilling, test pitting, and/or geophysics focused on gathering additional information related to geological or geotechnical conditions at or near:

- Watercourse crossings including Five Cabin Creek, Kinuseo Creek, Murray River, Hook Creek, Missinka River, Parsnip River, Crooked River, Muskeg River, Salmon River, Necoslie River, Stuart River, Endako River, Buck Creek, Owen Creek, Morice River, Gosnell River, Clore River, Hoult Creek, Hunter Creek, Chist Creek, Cecil Creek, Wedeene River, Little Wedeene River, and Anderson Creek.
- Pump Stations at Tumbler Ridge, Bear Lake, Ft. St. James, Burns Lake, Houston, and Clearwater (near HWY 37S).
- Kitimat Terminal site, including on-shore and off-shore areas.

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- Kitimat Arm, relating to geohazard studies of landslide generated waves.
- Geohazard sites relating to issues such as slope stability; avalanche and debris flow potential; liquefaction and marine clay stability assessments.

Again, congratulations you on your re-appointment and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely

Janet Holder

Executive Vice President, Western Access



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July 25, 2013

Janet Holder, Executive Vice President
Western Access, Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines
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Dear Ms. Holder:

Thank you for your letter of June 24, 2013, regarding Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway Pipeline project.

I appreciate your congratulations on my re-appointment as Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and look forward to implementing my mandate as expressed in the mandate letter of Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia.

I am pleased to hear that Enbridge fully supports the premier's five conditions and that Enbridge recognizes the concerns raised by British Columbian's and the province. Regarding your meeting request, I would recommend you contact the Minister of Environment who is responsible for this file.

Regarding the temporary permit applications, Kevin Kriese, Assistant Deputy Minister for the North Area met with your colleagues, Ray Doering, Cory Paterson and Malcolm MacPherson on July 19, 2013, to review the status of Enbridge's temporary applications. Kevin Kriese advised me that the meeting was constructive and that the discussion included ways to ensure timely decisions are made that also ensure effective consultation with First Nations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Kriese by phone at 250 847-7789 or by email at Kevin.Kriese@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Steve Thomas

Sincerely,

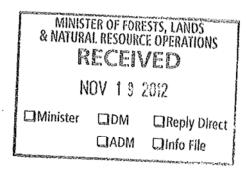
Steve Thomson Minister

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Honourable Rich Coleman, Ministry of Natural Gas Development

Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

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November 13, 2012

Hon. Steve Thomson Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations MLA Kelowna-Mission Room 248, Parliament Buildings Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

### Dear Minister:

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a brief update on Enbridge's Northern Gateway Pipelines Project. As you may know, the Joint Review Panel (JRP) hearings are underway. As the proponent, we intend to demonstrate to British Columbians and to all Canadians, through the examination of the facts, that there is a path forward that provides for prosperity while protecting and respecting the environment. The JRP is the appropriate forum for this confidence-building exercise. In addition, we continue our engagement in communities around environmental measures we have outlined as well as partnerships and benefits that would be available in BC. We have also confirmed that we will meet or exceed the BC government's expectations outlined in the conditions for heavy oil pipelines that are within the control of the Project.

#### Why is Northern Gateway in BC and Canada's Interest?

Oil exports have become the cornerstone of Canada's economy. In 2010, Canada's single largest export was crude oil. We exported \$50 billion worth of it and almost all of that went to just one customer: the United States. It is not strategic or prudent to take our most valuable export commodity, and rely on only one market. Every day that passes that we are not able to access tidewater and the world energy market is a lost opportunity. Not just for Enbridge and the energy industry, but for Canada, for BC and for all of us who cherish our standard of living and value the public services supported by a thriving export economy.

Right now Canada is selling its landlocked oil at a heavy discount. A discount that adds up to millions of dollars a day -- billions of dollars a year -- in lost public revenue to invest in things like education, health care and public infrastructure. For Canada, pipeline capacity is the key to increased energy market diversity. The country needs the ability to link increased production with changing global patterns of demand. Canadians have the oil needed by the growing economies of the Pacific Rim.

Western Canada is one of the few places on earth that has the ability to increase production to meet that growing global demand. What we do not have right now is the pipeline capacity to efficiently and safely transport our oil to these new consumers. And, as we have seen from Conference Board of Canada and Canadian Energy Research Institute research papers, BC is the second top beneficiary outside of Alberta of oil sands jobs and opportunities. That, in a nutshell, is the strategic argument for Enbridge Northern Gateway.

# **Environmental Responsibility and Community Engagement**

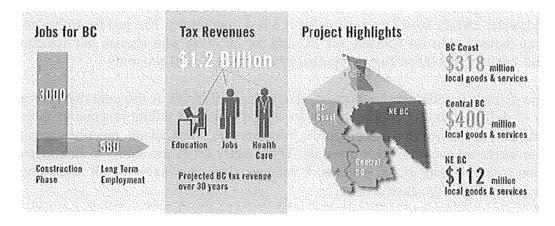
At Northern Gateway, safeguarding the quality-of-life enjoyed by communities along the Project route is always front-of-mind. Our main objective is delivering energy safely. As part of Northern Gateway's planning, a team of over 200 environmental experts and scientists conducted comprehensive marine biology, geology, archaeology and other environmental analysis along the Project route.

Protecting people and the environment is our top priority, which is why we announced enhancements to make what was already a very safe project even safer. In July 2012, Northern Gateway announced additional measures to ensure pipeline safety and integrity on the Project, including: increased pipeline wall thickness; more remote-operated isolation valves; more in-line inspections; and staffing at remotely-located pump stations to heighten monitoring, response and security.

Northern Gateway will put in place a comprehensive, world-class marine safety program for this Project, including: modern double-hulled tankers; independent BC pilots and International Maritime Organization (IMO) certified tanker crews; all tankers vetted by a third-party agency before gaining entry to port; escort tugboats tethered to laden tankers; and a radar system to augment the automatic identification system being installed along coastal routes.

Our work on Northern Gateway has included the most extensive consultation process ever undertaken for a Canadian pipeline project: over 2,500 meetings; 123 open houses; 150 presentations; and 64 workshops. In total, we have consulted directly with more than 17,000 people. Those consultations have greatly influenced our development of Northern Gateway. For example, they have resulted in numerous route changes. And they have provided valuable information that has helped frame our approach to safety and the environment.

#### **Opportunities and Benefits**



At \$6 billion, Northern Gateway is a historically significant infrastructure project in BC. Northern Gateway has already spent about \$150 million in British Columbia on environmental studies and reports, engineering, partnerships, public engagement, employment, leases and procurement. The investments have supported individuals and families in BC.

Enbridge has worked long and hard to ensure that the opportunities for BC are real and substantial – amounting to over \$800 million in goods and services sourced specifically in Northern BC during the construction phase alone. During the three to four years of construction we will need people, services and supplies: everything from fuel to hotel rooms to meals -- for the thousands in BC who will build this project.

Our regulatory application contains a detailed breakdown of what this will mean in dollar terms across Northern BC: local goods and services spending estimated at \$318 million for the Coastal Region; \$400 million for the Prince George region; and \$112 million for Northeast BC.

And once Northern Gateway is built, it will directly support at least 560 permanent, long-term jobs in BC and generate \$1.2 billion in provincial tax revenues. And this does not include the impact, for example, of potential spending associated with building the marine equipment we will require, or the upgrading of marine safety facilities on the north coast.

## **Aboriginal Benefits and Partnerships**

Enbridge Northern Gateway is committed to Aboriginal partnerships. Almost 60 percent of the eligible communities along the proposed right of way, representing 60 percent of the First Nations' population (80 percent of the combined First Nation and Metis populations) have agreed to be part owners of the Project.

Northern Gateway is offering an unmatched portfolio of benefits to First Nations communities – including but not limited to an equity offering component that has been designed to offer substance and sustainable benefit. Ten percent of our Project equity is being offered to eligible Aboriginal groups, in aggregate. Enbridge is facilitating access to guaranteed and inexpensive financing to ensure that Aboriginal groups may participate at the full 10 percent, without barriers or obstacles. We have encouraged groups to participate in a longer term and sustainable cash flow stream.

Similar philosophies guide our other benefits-related commitments. We are offering over one billion dollars in aggregate economic benefit to Aboriginal communities (our equity offer comprises less than 1/3 of this total amount). Other benefit components include but are not limited to: Aboriginal set-asides in conventional goods and services procurement; a broad suite of marine related benefits; employment; training; access to community based renewable energy projects and on-reserve location of pump stations and pipelines at the request of host First Nations who are seeking related annual tax income streams.

The Project has already formed and activated the Gateway Education and Training Fund. The Fund is supporting training initiatives that focus on pipeline construction skills – skills which are highly transferable and allow for employment in multi-industry environments.

In addition, Northern Gateway will establish a fund for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities with a commitment of one percent pre-tax domestic profit to support the fund, measured on a five year rolling average basis (\$100 million over 30 years).

#### Our Commitment to British Columbia

We recognize we have more work to do to answer questions and engage with communities across BC, but we are committed to doing so. You may have seen recent public outreach through advertisements which speak to the incredible benefits to the province as well as measures to protect and respect the environment. We also continue with a number of speaking engagements and public meetings throughout BC.

As you may know, I oversee the Project from s.22 of Prince George. This month, I was extremely pleased to announce that our new Prince George office will be the headquarters for Enbridge Northern Gateway. We also have Project staff in Kitimat and Vancouver. Enbridge is committed to Northern Gateway and contributing to the community through presence, partnerships and employment opportunities.

Thank you for taking the time to review the brief update on Enbridge Northern Gateway. Additional background and regular updates can be found at <a href="https://www.northerngateway.ca">www.northerngateway.ca</a>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Janet Holder

Executive Vice President, Western Access

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December 5, 2012

Janet Holder, Executive Vice President Western Access, Enbridge Inc. Box 50, One Bentall Centre Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1M4

Dear Janet Holder:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2012, regarding the Northern Gateway.

As this issue falls under the purview of the Ministry of Environment, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Terry Lake for his review and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Thomson

Minister

pc: Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Environment

February 26, 2013

Mr. Doug Konkin
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Dear Mr. Doug Konkin:

At Enbridge, we're committed to transparency. To that end, in October 2012, we released our comprehensive 2012 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Report, available online at <a href="https://www.csr.enbridge.com">www.csr.enbridge.com</a>. We're pleased, now, to offer you the enclosed summary of our sustainability performance in the form of our 2012 CSR Summary Report.

Both our full 2012 CSR Report and our 2012 CSR Summary Report provide information about our economic, environmental and social performance. For example, a major focus of the reports is our commitment to the safety and integrity of our pipeline systems. Over the last decade the Liquids Pipelines segment of our business transported almost 12 billion barrels of crude oil with a safe delivery record better than 99.999 per cent. That achievement is good, but, for us, it's not good enough. We will never stop striving for 100 per cent.

Our 2012 CSR Report and 2012 CSR Summary Report focus primarily on data collected and events that took place in 2011, as well as significant events that took place in the first half of 2012. We prepared the documents using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) G3.1 sustainability reporting guidelines, which are a generally accepted framework for reporting economic, environmental and social performance.

Please take the time to review our 2012 CSR Report, our 2012 CSR Summary Report, and the many online articles and videos that help tell our CSR story.

As always, I welcome your feedback on any aspect of our reporting or our performance. If you have comments, please share your thoughts with me at <a href="https://www.csr.enbridge.com/Contact-Us/Feedback">www.csr.enbridge.com/Contact-Us/Feedback</a>.

Very best regards,

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