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Honourable Mary Polak,

Please note attached letter, which you have been copied on, sent to Premier Christy Clark from Mr. Ian Anderson, President Kinder Morgan Canada.

### Regards,

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Trudy Nichols on behalf of Ian Anderson, President Kinder Morgan Canada.

Premier Clark, please note the attached letter. Original to follow by mail.

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January 26, 2015

Honourable Christy Clark Premier of British Columbia West Annex, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

VIA EMAIL: premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Clark;

I am writing to you about pipeline safety in British Columbia and to reiterate our commitment to satisfying the 5 Conditions you have laid out as necessary to gain Province of B.C. endorsement of our pipeline expansion proposal. Specifically, this letter is intended to address the concerns expressed by the Province publicly about Kinder Morgan's emergency response plans. I wish to ensure that the Province and the public have complete confidence in our present and future plans.

# **Existing plans**

Kinder Morgan's plans for the existing pipeline are robust, tested and regularly exercised with federal, provincial and local agencies. The plans meet federal and provincial regulatory requirements and we work with emergency planners and emergency responders to ensure their awareness of our system, our joint exercises and programs. In carrying out these requirements and exercises, full details of our program are made readily available to agencies responsible for public safety, including Provincial authorities. In this regard, we conduct our operations like other utilities in B.C. and elsewhere across Canada. To be absolutely clear, the Province has full access to our emergency response plans in there entirety, and we fully respect your government's ongoing involvement in those programs as they are tested and evaluated.

I understand that our emergency programs must not only be effective, but there must also be public confidence in them. While this requires a level of public transparency, that transparency must be balanced against the need to protect personal privacy and the security of our critical infrastructure. The National Energy Board (NEB) and other regulators also recognise this. The NEB has ruled on the inclusion of the existing plan in the current expansion proceeding. They have considered various views and determined that the existing plan is not relevant to our current application. That said, during this regulatory phase of our expansion project we sought to strike a balance when we took the unprecedented step of filing a redacted version of our existing plans. While it was necessary to redact some information for disclosure in a public filing, this should not be interpreted as intent to withhold information from the Province in its role of protecting public safety and the environment. In our view, the redacted disclosure of our program through the NEB process does provide the appropriate level of public disclosure, while protecting privacy and security.

Our plans are not a secret, but nor are they appropriate for full public disclosure. We trust that the Province can respect this very important difference, and work with us to resolve our different views.

### **Future plans**

The plans for the new expanded pipeline system do not yet exist. They can only be created once key project design issues are known resulting from the regulatory review process now underway and after we have fully consulted with the key stakeholders that will help inform those new plans. Our opportunity in this respect is to design comprehensive plans that are consistent with the expanded operation and the world-leading benchmark the Province has set in its Five Conditions. We believe we can achieve these outcomes.

The emergency response plans for the expanded system are, we believe, the ones relevant to your stated condition, and we are absolutely committed to working with your government to satisfy those conditions.

### Open and transparent consultation

The Province routinely receives updates to the existing pipeline response plan. I would like to reiterate our willingness to meet with the Province to review our full emergency program and begin the necessary dialog for development of the new plans. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Province to achieve the best possible outcome for everyone. We would even support the assignment of an independent third-party to interface between us, in order to ensure interests are fully balanced and considered.

Our consultations and the inputs received will be available for public review as we move forward. Ultimately, the NEB will approve and monitor our new plans and we expect they will do so with regard to the input received from the consultation process. By opening the process of development to broad consultation, we will ensure that all stakeholders have a say.

By opening up our plans according to Provincial requirements and undertaking the most comprehensive consultation process of its kind to develop new plans for the expansion, I am confident that we can achieve the dual goal of ensuring both a world leading standard and public confidence.

Sincerely,

Ian Anderson

President, Kinder Morgan Canada

cc: Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Deputy Premier

Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of Environment