



February 13, 2012

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**Attention: Ms. Louise George, Acting Secretary to the Joint Review Panel  
Enbridge Northern Gateway Project**

National Energy Board  
444 Seventh Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 0X8

Dear Ms. George,

**Re: Northern Gateway Pipelines Application to the National Energy Board  
Enbridge Northern Gateway Project  
OH-4-2011  
NEB File No: OF-Fac-Oil-N304-2010-01 01  
Prince Rupert - Hearing Schedule for Oral Evidence**

The Joint Review Panel ("Panel") has Community Hearings scheduled in Prince Rupert, British Columbia on Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18, 2012. Northern Gateway anticipates that several individuals and organizations will appear, including: Mr. Gary Coons (MLA North Coast), Mr. Nathan Cullen (MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley), the Métis Nation of British Columbia, Metlakatla First Nation, T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation, and the United Fisherman and Allied Workers Union.

In the Community Hearings to date, in Northern Gateway's opinion, the majority of the oral evidence from non-Aboriginal participants has not met the criteria set out by the Panel in Procedural Direction #4. Many of the submissions have been in the nature of argument, or have addressed matters that were properly the subject of written evidence. There will be an opportunity to provide argument to the Panel in due course.

In addition to the written directions the Panel has already issued, Northern Gateway appreciates that the Panel continues to provide directions to intervenors regarding the nature of evidence that will assist the Panel in its opening remarks at each Community Hearing.


To further assist the parties and the efficiency of the process, Northern Gateway requests that the Panel consider limiting the time for oral evidence that is allocated to non-Aboriginal participants

to 10 minutes each, unless the intervenor is able to justify additional time in accordance with Procedural Direction #4. Northern Gateway believes that this would allow the hearing in Prince Rupert to conclude on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, while still enabling intervenors to provide oral evidence.

This letter is being filed electronically with the Board and will be served upon all OH-4-2011 Parties.

If the Board should require additional information, please contact the undersigned at (403) 718-3444.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken MacDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Ken MacDonald  
Vice President, Law and Regulatory  
Northern Gateway Pipelines Limited Partnership

cc: CEAA  
Attention: Sarah Devin

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