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Joint Review Panel
Enbridge Northern Gateway Project
444 – Seventh Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0X8

Attention: Sheri Young, Secretary to the Joint Review Panel

Dear Ms. Young:

**Re: Hearing Order OH4-2011 Northern Gateway Pipelines Inc. Enbridge
Northern Gateway Project Application of 27 May, 2010 – File OF-Fac-Oil-
N304-2010-01**

We are writing on behalf of our client, the Haisla Nation, to request permission from the Panel to question the federal government participants during the questioning phase of the final hearings.

The Haisla Nation intends to question federal government participants on the following aspects of the proposed project:

1. The federal government's evidence;
2. The adequacy and completeness of the information provided by the proponent;
3. The potential impacts of the proposed project;
4. The proponent's proposed approaches to mitigation;
5. The regulatory role of the federal government with respect to the proposed project.

The questions will seek to elicit information about potential environmental effects of the proposed project and the suitability of the proposed mitigation. It is therefore relevant to the question of whether the proposed project will result in significant adverse effects that cannot be mitigated, and on potential impacts to the Haisla Nation's aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title.

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The federal government plays a significant role in the proposed project approval, permitting and in regulatory oversight. In addition, various federal government departments are charged with administering legislation applicable to the project that is designed to protect the environment or species at risk. The federal government's assessment of the proposed project is therefore required in order to have a full understanding of the potential project effects.

The federal government has participated in the information requests to the proponent phase, and has filed evidence. Fairness requires that the Haisla Nation have the opportunity to test the evidence submitted by the federal government, and to explore the role of the federal government in the regulations of the proposed project.

Yours truly,

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