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Secretary to the Joint Review Panel Enbridge Northern Gateway Project 444 – Seventh Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8

Attention: Ms. Sheri Young

Dear Madam:

Re: Hearing Order OH-4-2011 and File No. OF-Fac-Oil-N304-2010-01 01

**Enbridge Northern Gateway Project Application** 

May 30 Procedural Conference

I write in response to the Joint Review Panel's letter of May 9, 2012.

The Province will be participating in the procedural conference via telephone.

With respect to question 2, the Province submits that it is essential for a portion of the final hearings to take place in Kitimat. Kitimat is the proposed location of one terminus of the proposed pipeline, and of the proposed marine terminal. As a result, that locality has a particular interest in these proceedings. There are sufficient facilities and transport access to Kitimat to allow the hearings to take place there.

With respect to question 5, the Province would again submit that certain issues should be dealt with at Kitimat, and in particular issue (e) that is currently referenced under Prince Rupert in this question.

With respect to question 6, the Province has not yet reached a final decision with respect to whether it will be questioning witnesses at the final hearings, or its time estimates in this regard. Once decisions have been made in this regard, the Province will be in communication with the Joint Review Panel and its counsel.

With respect to question 10, for the same reasons outlined above, the Province would again submit that a portion of the final arguments should take place in Kitimat.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Christopher H. Jones Counsel for the Province of British Columbia

CC. OH-4-2011 Parties