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National Energy Board
444 Seventh Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta
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Attention: Ms. Sheri Young, Secretary to the Joint Review Panel Enbridge Northern Gateway Project

Dear Ms. Young:

**RE: LOCATION OF HEARINGS
ENBRIDGE NORTHERN GATEWAY PROJECT**

Kitimat Mayor and Council have learned that our community will be bypassed during the Joint Review Panel final hearings on the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project. Given the significant impact this project will have on Kitimat we request that you reconsider this decision.

The District of Kitimat occupies a key location in the Northern Gateway Project. Enbridge's pipelines will terminate in Kitimat, and the new marine terminal for shipping bitumen and receiving condensate will be located here. Our community will not only be subjected to the risks posed by the two pipelines, but also is the only community along the pipeline route that will be assuming risks associated with tanker traffic in Douglas Channel.

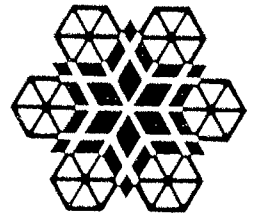
We understand that the Joint Review Panel chooses appropriate hearing facilities that are safe, of an adequate size, and can logistically and technologically accommodate a hearing with many participants. Kitimat can comfortably provide all of these components, therefore, we request clarification on the decision to exclude Kitimat from the hearings.

We look forward to a prompt reply

Yours truly


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