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Mr. Peter Watson
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Dear Mr. Watson,

As you are aware, the National Energy Board (NEB) Modernization Expert Panel's public engagement is underway. In recent weeks, we had the pleasure of hearing views from Indigenous peoples, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, and the public in Vancouver, British Columbia and Winnipeg, Manitoba. Before that, we heard diverse views from participants in Toronto and Saskatoon.

During our sessions, participants posed questions that we committed to posing to the NEB for a response. The questions are as follows:

- 1) Is there publicly available information on how many times right of entry orders have been issued and how much landowners were compensated? How many landowners have had to be compensated?
- 2) How often are there multi-agency or multi-department emergency response drills and exercises?
- 3) Does the NEB only report to the Minister of Natural Resources or are [they] part of the decision making process?
- 4) Have there been health impact assessments done on each individual First Nations or towns?
- 5) Have there been independent studies done for animal habitats or the effects of fish and other water habitats?
- 6) During its project review, does the NEB consider how a proposed oil pipeline could impact a province's electricity sector (e.g., assessing the impacts resulting from new electricity demands required to support the operation of pumping stations)?
- 7) What is the NEB's role with respect to interprovincial electricity trade?
- 8) Can the NEB confiscate land from a property owner as part of the public interest determination for a project?

Your responses will be posted to our website. We are committed to being responsive to questions from Canadians, and we appreciate your cooperation in achieving this goal.

The Expert Panel requests that you provide responses to these questions no later than March 6, 2017.

Sincerely,



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