



February 27, 2017

Mr. Jaime Sanchez and Ms. Karyn Sharp
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Dear Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Sharp,

The National Energy Board (NEB) Modernization Expert Panel would like to thank you for your informative presentation to the Expert Panel in Vancouver, British Columbia, on February 9, 2017. We would also like to acknowledge your invitation to visit Prince George as part of our engagement sessions. We will take your invitation under advisement and be in touch.

As you may recall, we had follow-up questions to your presentation, which you requested in writing. Our questions are as follows:

- 1) When you discussed public interest, you mentioned that it should recognize Indigenous rights but you also said that Indigenous rights are not mentioned in the *National Energy Board Act*. Could you clarify your notion of public interest?
- 2) We would like more information on your proposal for an Elder's Advisory Council. How would you suggest this be put together? How do you suggest it be implemented, given that it would reflect views from across Canada?

The Expert Panel requests that you provide responses to these questions no later than March 31, 2017. This letter and your responses will be posted to our website. We appreciate your interest in the NEB Modernization review process and look forward to learning your views on the above questions.

Sincerely,

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