



ORDER XG-W102-033-2018

IN THE MATTER OF the *National Energy Board Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-7, as amended (NEB Act) and the regulations made thereunder; and,

IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Westcoast Energy Inc., carrying on business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast), pursuant to Part III (section 58 and subsection 48(2.1)) and Part IV of the NEB Act and 17 of the *National Energy Board Onshore Pipeline Regulations (OPR)*, dated 19 October 2017, filed with the National Energy Board (Board) under File OF-Fac-Gas-W102-2017-11 01.

BEFORE the Board on 10 December 2018.

WHEREAS the Board received an application dated 19 October 2017 from Westcoast, pursuant to Part III (section 58 and subsection 48 (2.1)) and Part IV of the NEB Act, and section 17 of the OPR, to construct and operate the Spruce Ridge Program (Project), and for such further and other relief as the Board may consider appropriate ;

AND WHEREAS the Project includes the construction and operation of two residue natural gas pipeline loops: the Chetwynd Loop, comprised of approximately 25 km of 914 mm (NPS 36) outside diameter pipeline and the Aitken Creek Loop, comprised of approximately 13 km of 609.6 mm (NPS 24) outside diameter pipeline, as well as the installation of two additional compressor units at the existing Compressor Station N5 and Compressor Station 2, and minor modifications at Compressor Station N5 and Compressor Station 16, as set out in Schedule A attached to, and forming part of, this Order;

AND WHEREAS Westcoast also requested an exemption pursuant to subsection 48(2.1) of the NEB Act exempting certain welds for the auxiliary and utility piping systems from the 100% non-destructive examination requirement in section 17 of the OPR for the auxiliary and utility systems;

AND WHEREAS the Board held a public hearing in respect of the Project, pursuant to Hearing Order GH-001-2018, as amended by way of procedural updates, during which the Board heard from Westcoast and the participants in the proceeding;

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AND WHEREAS the Board has determined that granting an exemption from the requirements of section 17 of the OPR to conduct 100 per cent non-destructive examination (NDE) of certain welds for the auxiliary and utility piping systems would not compromise the safety of the public or company personnel, or cause a detriment to property and the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Board has examined the application and subsequent filings and considers it to be in the public interest to grant the following relief;

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to subsections 48(2.1) of the NEB Act, Westcoast is exempted, for certain welds for the auxiliary and utility piping systems, from the requirement of section 17 of the OPR to conduct 100 per cent NDE;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that unless the Board otherwise directs prior to two years from the date this Order takes effect, the Order shall expire two years from its effective date unless construction of the Project has commenced by that date.

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by L. George for

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board