

October 5, 2023

**E-FILE**

Canada Energy Regulator  
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**Attention: Ramona Sladic, Secretary of the Commission**

Dear Ms. Sladic,

**Re: Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast)  
Abandonment Application for Pointed Mountain Pipeline (Project)  
Hearing Order MH-004-2022  
Canada Energy Regulator (Commission) File No. OF-Fac-Gas-W102-2022-01 01  
Project Update**

On February 2, 2022, Westcoast filed an application pursuant to section 241 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (the Act) for leave to abandon the Pointed Mountain Pipeline (Application). On November 15, 2022, the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (Commission) issued Hearing Order MH-004-2022 establishing a hearing process for the Project. Preliminary hearing steps and deadlines were provided in a Timetable of Events (Appendix III), which at that time included only the written submissions related to the preliminary screening that the Commission would conduct pursuant to subsection 124(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

On December 29, 2022, Westcoast requested that the Commission postpone the preliminary hearing steps while it further assessed the timing and/or scope of the Project. On January 12, 2023, the Commission granted Westcoast's request and extended the deadline for comments on the hearing process for the Project.

After further assessing the Project scope and timing, Westcoast is submitting this Project update to reflect the following two key changes since filing of the Application:

1. The addition of two new sites (PM 4A and PM 7A) where physical abandonment activities will occur to address newly identified pipe exposures.
2. A change in season for physical abandonment activities in the Northwest Territories from summer to winter, such that the physical abandonment activities will now be executed in the winter. This change has resulted in changes to access plans in the NWT, replacing helicopter and barge access with access along the pipeline right-of-way, winter resource roads, and ice bridges. The change to construction timing has also resulted in the need for additional construction camps, which will be installed on previously disturbed land.

In support of this Project update, Westcoast provides the following:

- Appendix A: Blacklined and clean versions of the Application (with Attachments 1 and 2) with amendments to reflect the above Project changes, a newly released version of CSA Z662, and an updated Project cost estimate.

- Appendix B: A supplemental Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment (ESA) addressing the predicted environmental and socio-economic effects associated with the above Project changes, including an updated Environmental Protection Plan.
- Appendix C: An engagement summary describing the engagement that has occurred since filing of the Application, including with respect to the above Project changes.

The supplemental ESA provided in Appendix B confirms that the Project changes do not impact the conclusion from the original ESA that the physical abandonment activities and abandonment in place will not result in significant environmental or socio-economic effects.

Westcoast respectfully requests that the Commission re-commence the hearing steps established in Hearing Order MH-004-2022. In accordance with the Commission's letter dated January 12, 2023, intervenors may submit comments on the Application for the purpose of the preliminary screening and on the hearing process by **October 27, 2023**. Westcoast will then have until **November 10, 2023**, to reply to written submissions by intervenors.

Should the Commission have any questions, please reach out to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Cc: List of Parties to Hearing MH-004-2022

Enclosures