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To: All Stakeholders

Decision of the Lead Commissioner Regarding Time Limits for the Processing of Applications filed pursuant to sections 183, 214, or 262 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act (CER Act)*

The Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (Commission) is establishing time limits for the Commission's processing of future infrastructure applications pursuant to sections 183, 214, or 262 of the CER Act. Damien Côté, the Lead Commissioner of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER), has determined the standard time limits for processing these applications, as set out in the attached Record of Decision. The Commission is committed to timely consideration of applications in accordance with subsection 31(3) of the CER Act.

The Lead Commissioner may establish different time limits if there are project specific factors that need to be considered when establishing a time limit for the assessment of an application.

Once an application under section 183, 214, or 262 has been determined to be complete, the Company applicant is informed of the start and end dates of the time limits by either a letter from the Commission or by a procedural document such as a hearing order. These are also posted on the external public registry for awareness of any interested parties.

Further information on the CER's Time Limits and Service Standards can be found on the CER's website: <http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/timelimits>. For questions or further clarification, please contact Paula Futoransky, Vice President Energy Adjudication at 403-299-2791.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

L. George
Secretary of the Commission



RECORD OF DECISION
Lead Commissioner Decision of Time Limits for Processing
Applications pursuant to sections 183, 214, or 262
of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (CER Act)

- I have determined that the following time limits apply for the processing of infrastructure applications pursuant to sections 183, 214, or 262 of the CER Act (formerly *National Energy Board Act* section 52, 58, or 58.16 applications) having considered factors that have arisen in such applications, such as the level of complexity, the estimated number and type of information requests that may be generated, and the probability of third-party interest and related engagement.
- The time limits are as follows:

Section 214 – Routine Process		
Category ¹	Complexity of Issues	Time Limit
A	Minor	130 days
B	Moderate	210 days
C	Major	300 days

Section 183, 214, or 262 – Hearing Process	
Process	Time Limit
Section 183 (non-designated) ²	450 days
Section 214	300 days
Section 262	300 days

- The time limit commences with the Commission determination that an application is complete.
- I retain the discretion to vary the time limit for a specific application, as per subsection 42(1) of the CER Act.

Approved by the Lead Commissioner of the Canada Energy Regulator on 9 January 2020.

Original signed by

Damien Côté
Lead Commissioner

¹ Please see the Commission’s website: <http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/timelimits> for further information.
² This time limit does not apply to applications for designated projects, as defined in the *Impact Assessment Act*, pursuant to section 185 of the CER Act.