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To: Energy East Pipeline Ltd. and TransCanada PipeLines Limited
All interested parties

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Energy East Pipeline Ltd. and TransCanada PipeLines Limited (collectively, the Applicants)
Energy East Project and Asset Transfer (Energy East), and Eastern Mainline Project (Eastern Mainline) [collectively, the Projects]
Project updates, concordance tables between the Lists of Issues and the hearing record, and errata to the English version of the Eastern Mainline List of Issues**

A. Project updates and concordance tables

On 23 August 2017, the National Energy Board (Board) released its [Lists of Issues](#) for the Projects. In its cover letter, the Board noted that, having finalized the Lists of Issues, it will continue its review of the project applications to determine whether each of them is complete enough to proceed to assessment. The Board will also set out a comment period on application completeness.

At this time, the Board is directing the Applicants to file, on or before **15 September 2017**, any additional evidence or project updates that they may have available.

The Board is also directing the Applicants to prepare and file, on or before **15 September 2017**, two concordance tables (one for each of the Projects) indicating where information pertaining to each issue and sub-issue can be found within the Applicants' existing filings. The Board is of the view that this information will support the design of a more efficient hearing and will be helpful to those making submissions during the upcoming application completeness comment process.

The required table format and headings can be found in the attached appendices ([Appendix 1](#) – Energy East; [Appendix 2](#) – Eastern Mainline). The Board will also provide the Applicants with Word version templates to use.

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While the Applicants must use the bilingual table format provided, they may choose to fill out the remainder of the tables in either or both official languages, consistent with the *Official Languages Act*.

For Issue 12 (Energy East) and Issue 10 (Eastern Mainline) – regarding the quantification of indirect greenhouse gas emissions – as these are new issues, the Board does not expect the Applicants to include references to the applications or other filed evidence in the concordance tables. For the benefit of interested parties, the Board will release shortly further information on how it intends to consider these issues.

The Board notes that, while these tables may assist the Board with its completeness determinations, they are not themselves determinative. The test for application completeness is not whether every single topic has been thoroughly addressed on the record at this time. Rather, it is whether the applications provide sufficient evidence to enable participants to engage effectively in the hearing. A completeness determination does not prevent the Board or intervenors from requesting additional information from the Applicants during the hearing.

B. Errata to the English version of the Eastern Mainline List of Issues

The Board recently became aware of wording inconsistencies in two issues between the English and French versions of the Eastern Mainline List of Issues published on 23 August 2017. The French version was and remains correct. The Board has made the following changes to Issues 1.1.3 and 3.2 in the English version, which now appears online:

- 1.1.3. ~~The alternative means that are~~ **Other** technically, economically, and environmentally feasible **means of** ~~for~~ meeting the need for the Project
- 3.2. TransCanada's ability to ~~appropriately~~ build, operate, and maintain the Project

For any questions, please contact the Board's Process Advisory Team by phone at 403-292-4800 or 1-800-899-1265 (toll-free), or by email at energyeast.processhelp@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by L. George for

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

Attachments