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13 February 2014

Mr. R. David Allnutt
Director
Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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Dear Mr. Allnutt:

**Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (Trans Mountain)
Application for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project dated 16 December 2013
Letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency
Request for Deadline Extension regarding Application to Participate
Ruling No. 2**

The National Energy Board (Board) is in receipt of a letter filed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dated 12 February 2014, requesting an extension to the deadline for submission of its application to participate in the hearing.

Before deciding this request, the Board considered the purpose of the request, the reason why the deadline was not met, the impact on the requester of not granting the extension and any prejudice to other applicants or Trans Mountain that granting the request may cause.

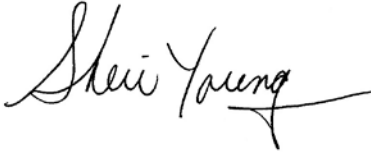
In its letter, the EPA says that it was not aware of the deadline to apply to participate until 11 February 2014. The EPA requests a two-week extension until 26 February 2014 in order to follow through with agency protocols and procedures before it submits an application to participate. The letter does not state the impact on the EPA if it is unable to submit a late application to participate, or address possible prejudice to other applicants or Trans Mountain.

The Board has set deadlines to ensure a fair and efficient process and is not persuaded, based on the request, to grant the extension sought by the EPA. For these reasons, the request is denied.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Asad Chaudhary, Legal Counsel at 1-403-221-3026 or 1-800-899-1265.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Young". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board

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