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Friday April 15, 2005

Next steps in the Joint Review Panel review

Conference on the Environmental Impact Statement: The Joint Review Panel for the Mackenzie Gas Project will host a conference to review the contents of all information filed by the proponent. The results of the conference will be used by the Joint Review Panel to determine whether there is sufficient information on the public record to proceed to the public hearings phase of its review. It is anticipated that the conference will occur at the end of June. This conference falls within the scope of the technical conferences contemplated in the Phase 2 funding provided by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency as part of the Participant Funding Program for the MGP. Further information on the conference will be provided at a later date.

Second round of Information Requests: The JRP will provide an opportunity for parties to the proceedings to ask further questions related to the assessment of impacts related to the Mackenzie Gas Project. The deadline for submission of Round 2 Information Requests is **12:00 pm MDT May 18, 2005**. Filing of IRs will be in accord with instructions issued for Round 1 IRs, a copy of which is attached.

Instructions for Filing Round 2 Information Requests: The purpose of Information Requests (IRs) is to obtain additional information or to receive clarification on issues that will assist the Joint Review Panel in considering the nature and significance of impacts on the environment arising from the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project.

An IR can originate from any Party and be directed to any other Party to the assessment process. IRs and responses to IRs must be circulated among the Proponent and Interveners by the deadline set out below. The Joint Review Panel will post the IRs and responses to IRs to its Public Registry. **Each Party must number its IRs consecutively and use its assigned identifier code.**

The deadline for filing Information Requests is 12:00 noon, Mountain Daylight Time, Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

The Proponent will be allowed three weeks to reply to those Information Requests and will respond by 12:00 noon, Mountain Standard Time, Wednesday, June 8, 2005.

Please note that it is the responsibility of each registered Intervener submitting an IR to file each IR with the JRP and the proponent. It is also the responsibility of the Party submitting the IR to distribute the IR to other registered Interveners (via electronic format, facsimile or mail). If you are unable to distribute IRs to all other Parties by these means, the Joint Review Panel asks that you identify this along with reasons why. The Joint Review Panel will consider whether arrangements can be made to assist you in the distribution of materials.

Information Requests – Required Format

The Joint Review Panel requests that all Parties submitting Information Requests adhere to the format indicated below.

1. **Information Request (IR) Number:** Intervener or Proponent *identifier* (included on the attached most current List of Parties) plus question number.
2. **IR Directed to:** Name of the party to whom the question is being addressed.
3. **Relevant Section of the EIS / other filed documentation:** Section of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or other document filed with the Joint Review Panel to which the IR refers. Quote the section if possible.
4. **Rationale:** Provide background information to support the reasons for submitting the IR. Discuss how the requested information is relevant and how it will fill information gaps that currently exist.
5. **Request:** State the question that your organization would like answered.

All IRs should be directed to the Party that the Information Request is directed to in # 2 above and copied at the same time to the Joint Review Panel at the following address:

Joint Review Panel for the Mackenzie Gas Project
Suite 302, Professional Building, 125 Mackenzie Road
P.O. Box 2412, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0
Fax: (867) 777-3105
Email: pacholekp@jointreviewpanel.ca

Electronic filing (e-mail) is preferred; however IRs will be accepted if sent by facsimile or mail.