

Update on Guidance for Hay River Topic-Specific General Hearing - Impacts on Transportation Infrastructure - June 12, 2006

The purpose of this document is to provide further information about the subject matter and approach concerning the conduct of the Joint Review Panel's General Hearing on *Project-related Physical Infrastructure Impacts – Transportation* scheduled for June 12, 2006. It is intended to assist participants in preparing for the hearing. It is supplementary to the *Topics and Locations of Community, General and Technical Hearings* issued by the Panel on February 02, 2006.

This hearing session will address the direct and indirect economic costs and impacts of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (the Project) on local, regional and territorial transportation infrastructure as they relate to air, road, rail and river transportation networks. Ocean-going marine barge transportation impacts and transportation infrastructure impacts on the human and biophysical environments (e.g. traditional and other land uses, fish and wildlife and their habitats) will be the focus of subsequent hearings.

Matters for presentations and discussion by the Proponent and Interveners should include consideration of the following questions:

- What is the capacity of the existing transportation infrastructure to meet the Project's requirements and what changes will be required to meet these requirements? (E.g. how does Project-related gravel and pipe haulage affect the existing territorial highways network? Is upgrading required, and, if so, to what extent?)
- How does the Proponent's transportation requirements, as stated in the EIS and supplementary filings (including transcripts), affect existing transportation infrastructure (road, rail, river and air transportation)? Discuss specifically the numbers of people and materials (including gravel) that will be transported between fixed locations, the means by which they will be transported and the timing for transportation of same. (E.g. discuss air transport requirements such as types of aircraft, scheduling for personnel, frequency of flights, use of private and commercial carriers, etc.)
- How does the Proponent intend to mitigate the Project's impacts on local, regional and territorial transportation infrastructure?
- Have assessments have been done on the Project's transportation requirements by local and territorial government agencies responsible for managing transportation infrastructure? If so, what is their assessment of the predicted impacts and mitigation proposed by the Proponent?
- What are the transportation interests and issues the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is seeking to address in the following areas:
 - o capital programs for the next 10 years

- a socioeconomic agreement with the Proponent
 - other arrangements with municipal governments, federal governments and the Project Proponent
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- How will safety and traffic management of public roads be conducted by the Proponent, the GNWT and local governments?
 - What are the controls affecting public access to non-public roads (proponent-made roads for haulage) in summer or winter?

Written submissions must be filed 10 days in advance or by June 2, 2006.

Location: Ben Sivertz Recreation Complex (community hall), Hay River, NT

Time(s): 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm (June 12, 2006)

Further Information

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