

Update on Guidance for Yellowknife General and Technical Hearings: August 15 - 18, 2006

Topics: Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Routing and Design in Relation to the Physical Environment

The purpose of this document is to announce changes to the Joint Review Panel's hearings rescheduled for Yellowknife from August 15 - 24, 2006.

The hearing sessions on *Project Routing and Design in Relation to the Physical Environment* (Topic 3a) will continue as scheduled for August 15 - 16, 2006.

An Open General Hearing previously scheduled for August 17 - 18 is re-scheduled for August 18, 2006.

Yellowknife hearings previously scheduled for August 21 – 24 will be rescheduled and changes will be announced when the Panel releases its revised schedule for the remainder of its public hearings. The following topics are affected: Topic 9 – Education, Training, Employment and Procurement; Topic 10: Project-related Expenditures and Economic Benefits; Topic 11: Project-related Economic Costs and Physical Infrastructure Impacts.

Further information on each of the re-scheduled Yellowknife hearing sessions is listed below.

Technical Hearing: Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Routing and Design in Relation to the Physical Environment (Topic 3a): August 15 - 16, 2004

This hearing session will focus on the relation between the design, routing and siting of the proposed MGP and the physical environment, with particular emphasis on permafrost conditions.

Matters for discussion should include:

- Project construction and operating impacts on the permafrost regime (including pipe-laying and stream crossing methods, and operating temperatures) that may affect terrain, slope stability, and erosion
- Project construction and operation impacts on the permafrost regime that may affect water crossings and hydrology: stream and groundwater flow, surface runoff, ponding, and pipeline ditch subsidence
- Geological instability and hazards
- Gravel, water and timber extractions
- Effects of climate change on pipeline design and operation

Open General Hearing: August 18, 2004

The Open General Hearing is an opportunity for organizations, businesses or individuals to make presentations to the Joint Review Panel on any matter within the scope of the Panel's environmental impact review. This hearing is not limited to registered Interveners and does not require the presentation of expert opinion and knowledge.

15 copies of written submissions must be filed with the Panel Manager 10 days in advance of the Open General Hearing and 15 days in advance of the Technical Hearing on *Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Routing and Design in Relation to the Physical Environment*.

Location: To Be Determined, Yellowknife, NT

Time(s): 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 -4:30 pm

Further Information

For further information about the Joint Review Panel's hearing topics, hearing locations and to register to present at the public hearings, please contact:

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