

November 20, 2006

To: All Parties to the environmental impact review being conducted by the Joint Review Panel for the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project

Re: Adjustments to the Joint Review Panel's Public Hearing Schedule

On November 10, 2006 Justice Phelan of the Federal Court of Canada issued his Judgment in a court challenge initiated by the Dene Tha' First Nation concerning the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. This Judgment has implications for the environmental impact review process being conducted by the Joint Review Panel (the Panel). As a result, the Panel made decisions in relation to the hearings set for the week of November 15 (Letter to the Parties, November 11, 2006) and the Panel has made the following decisions in relation to upcoming public hearings for the remainder of this calendar year.

▪ **Continuation of the November 15 & 16, 2006 Topic-Specific General Hearing on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, including Birds and Bird Habitat (Topic 7) in Inuvik-**

The continuation of this hearing will be held in Inuvik at a date to be determined. Rescheduling details will be communicated to all Parties when they become available.

▪ **December 5, 2006 – Open General Hearing in Yellowknife**

The Panel will proceed with this hearing as scheduled but will not address matters involving the Connecting Facilities or the traditional territory in which the Dene Tha' First Nation has, or has asserted, Aboriginal or Treaty rights.

▪ **December 7 & 8, 2006 – Topic-Specific General Hearing on Education, Training, Employment, and Procurement (Topic 9) in Yellowknife**

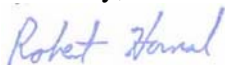
The Panel has decided to postpone this hearing. Rescheduling details will be communicated to all Parties when they become available.

▪ **December 11, 2006 – Open General Hearing in Edmonton**

The Panel has decided to postpone this hearing. Rescheduling details will be communicated to all Parties when they become available.

The Panel will continue to carefully consider the remainder of its public hearing schedule in light of Justice Phelan's decision. The Panel will release details regarding the remainder of its schedule at a later date.

Sincerely,



Robert Hornal
Joint Review Panel Chair