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Sheri Young Secretary of the Board National Energy Board 444 - 7th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2P 0X8 Canada

Dear Ms. Young,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency respectfully requests an extension of the deadline to submit an application to participate in the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project. Our agency heard about the National Energy Board's process for environmental review of this project only yesterday. The EPA must follow agency protocols and procedures before we can submit an application to participate. That process is likely to take two weeks. Therefore, we request that the application deadline for us be extended until close of business Wednesday, February 26, 2014.

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to contact either me (by telephone at 206-553-2581or by email at allnutt.david@epa.com) or Teena Reichgott of my staff (by telephone at 206-553-1601 or by email at reichgott.christine@epa.gov) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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