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Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC

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National Energy Board  
444 Seventh Avenue SW  
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Attention: Sherri Young, Secretary of the Board

**Re: Project Description for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project**

Dear Madam:

Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (Trans Mountain) hereby submits to the National Energy Board (NEB) a project description for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project, prepared in accordance with the NEB's *Filing Manual*. The recent NEB Reasons for Decision RH-001-2012 concerning Trans Mountain's tolls and tariff application provides the financial grounding we require to proceed with development of an application under Section 52 of the *National Energy Board Act* for our proposed expansion.

In response to growing market demand and customer contractual commitments, Trans Mountain proposes to expand the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline System by 93,800 m<sup>3</sup>/d (590,000 bbl/d) from 47,690 m<sup>3</sup>/d (300,000 bbl/d) to 141,500 m<sup>3</sup>/d (890,000 bbl/d). If approved, the proposed expansion will comprise:

- pipeline facilities that complete a twinning of the pipeline in Alberta and British Columbia with about 981 km of new buried pipeline
- new and modified facilities, such as pump stations and tanks
- additional tanker loading facilities at the Westridge Marine Terminal in BC

Starting in 2012, Trans Mountain began a comprehensive public engagement process with Aboriginal peoples, landowners, municipalities and stakeholders. During this process, these groups have expressed their desire for Trans Mountain to address issues including environmental protection, pipeline and marine tanker safety, emergency response capabilities, jobs and economic opportunities in our application. Trans Mountain is working with these groups to better define the

issues and concerns and address them through development of our facilities application and the project.

Our proposed project represents an expansion of the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system (i.e., most of the new proposed pipeline will be adjacent to the existing pipeline or along existing corridors), and as such, it is not clear to Trans Mountain if the project would be a designated project under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. However, based on the level of public interest in the proposed project, Trans Mountain believes the expansion project should be a designated project, subject to the rigorous environmental review required under both the NEB Act and CEAA 2012. Therefore, Trans Mountain requests that the Trans Mountain Expansion Project be deemed a designated project under the act.

As we prepare our application and plan our project, we are committed to building upon our existing 60 year operating history and the relationships we have developed with Aboriginal groups, communities, landowners and stakeholders along our pipeline route. My personal commitment is to be actively and directly engaged in these efforts as we develop both our application and proposed project.

Please direct any questions regarding this project description to Carey Johannesson, our project Regulatory Lead, at (403) 514-6448.

Sincerely,



Ian Anderson  
President