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Dear Sirs:

Request for Additional Information Proposed Enbridge Gateway Project

Gateway Pipeline Inc. submitted a Preliminary Information Package (PIP) to the National Energy Board (the NEB), the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency), and relevant federal departments on 1 November 2005. The purpose of the document was to initiate the coordination of the federal environmental assessment process and to provide an overview of the proposed Enbridge Gateway Project (the Project). In the PIP, Gateway Pipeline Inc. specifically suggested that "the Project be immediately referred to a review panel, and, further, that the Minister of Environment enter into an agreement with the NEB to establish a joint review panel" (Gateway Pipeline Inc. Preliminary Information Package. October 2005, page 1-8).

On 6 December 2005, the NEB, the Agency and relevant federal departments met in Vancouver to discuss the next steps in the environmental assessment process for the proposed Project and to consider Gateway Pipeline Inc.'s suggestion. Pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act), federal departments that may be responsible authorities for the proposed Project must make a recommendation to the Minister of the Environment about the environmental assessment process. The proposed Project triggers the requirement for a comprehensive study pursuant to the CEA Act. There is a possibility, however, that the proposed Project could be referred to a review panel if this is warranted by public concerns or if the project may cause significant adverse environmental effects.

As a result of discussions on 6 December 2005, the NEB, the Agency, and the federal departments determined that additional information is required from Gateway Pipeline Inc. in order to make a recommendation to the Minister of the Environment on the environmental

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assessment process. Please provide any evidence that you may have in relation to the following matters for the proposed Project no later than 13 January 2006:

- public concerns, including the concerns of Aboriginal people and communities; and/or
- potentially significant adverse environmental effects that could be associated with elements of the proposed Project.

A response can be faxed to:

Mr. Michel L. Mantha Secretary National Energy Board 444 Seventh Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2P 0X8 Facsimile (403) 292-5503

The NEB will distribute Gateway Pipeline Inc.'s response to the Agency and relevant federal departments and will place the response on the NEB's public record. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Lesley Matthews at (403) 299-2796. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours Truly,

Michel L. Mantha

Secretary

Attachment

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