

NEB and JRP public hearings schedule for the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project

The following is the coordinated schedule for the 2006 portion of the public hearings by the **Joint Review Panel (JRP)** and the **National Energy Board (NEB)** for the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project. The Yukon government has intervener status for both sets of hearings, with Yukon involvement highlighted in blue for the NEB and yellow for the JRP. These highlights indicate at which location the Yukon government is planning to attend at present, however, circumstances may dictate changes and/or additions to this schedule (CH- community hearing; GH-general hearing; TH-technical hearing).

The goals of the Yukon government in regard to the JRP hearings are generally to minimize the socio-economic and environmental impacts of the project. More specifically, the Yukon government will attempt to ensure Yukoners maximize employment, training and business opportunities; as well as ask the proponent to develop a contingency plan for use of the Yukon highway system for transportation needs.

The goals of the Yukon government in regard to the NEB hearings are to promote the concept of an expandable open access pipeline that offers attractive economies to connect North Yukon natural gas into the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline. This will be achieved through a favorable tolling design and adoption of lateral and extension policies that encourage connection of additional natural gas resources.

<u>PANEL</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>DATE (2006)</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
NEB	Inuvik	Jan 25-Feb2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Development Plans • Supply and market studies
JRP	Inuvik	Feb. 14	Opening statements
JRP	Inuvik	Feb. 15	General Hearings (GH) – Project description
JRP	Inuvik	Feb. 16	GH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project description (con't – 9am-12pm) • Open (1:30-4:30)
JRP	Fort McPherson	Feb. 17	Community Hearing (CH)
JRP	Tsiigehtchic	Feb. 20	CH
JRP	Inuvik	Feb. 21-22	GH – Approaches to and methods for evaluating information in the Environmental Impact Statement and supplementary submissions
JRP	Inuvik	Mar. 14-17	Technical Hearing (TH) – Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and Mackenzie Gathering System routing and design
JRP	Inuvik	Mar. 20-22	TH – Anchor field design
JRP	Deline	Apr. 3	CH
JRP	Tulita	Apr.4-5	CH
JRP	Norman Wells	Apr.6	CH
JRP	Norman Wells	Apr.7	GH – Open
JRP	Colville Lake	Apr.10	CH
JRP	Fort Good Hope	Apr.11-12	CH
NEB	Norman Wells	Apr.24-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Engineering – Pipeline design and materials • Engineering - Facilities
JRP	Fort Simpson	May 8-9	CH
JRP	Fort Simpson	May 10	GH - Open

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JRP	Wrigley	May 11	CH
JRP	Fort Liard	May 12	CH
JRP	Jean Marie River	May 15	CH
JRP	Trout Lake	May 16	CH
JRP	Fort Simpson	May 17-18	GH
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation areas and measures • Harvesting and other land use
NEB	Fort Good Hope	May 29-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Tolls and tariffs
NEB	Tulita	June 1	• General
JRP	Calgary	June 6	GH - Open
JRP	Edmonton	June 7	GH - Open
JRP	Hay River Reserve	June 8	CH
JRP	Hay River	June 9	GH – Open
			CH
JRP	Hay River	June 12	GH - Project-related economic costs and physical infrastructure impacts (focus on transportation)
JRP	Kakisa	June 13	CH
JRP	Fort Providence	June 14-15	CH
JRP	High Level	July 5	CH
JRP	High Level	July 6	GH – Open
			CH
JRP	Norman Wells	July 10	GH
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation areas and measures • Harvesting and other land use
JRP	Norman Wells	July 11	TH - Water quality and quantity, fish and aquatic habitat
JRP	Norman Wells	July 12	TH
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality and quantity, fish and aquatic habitat • Wildlife and wildlife habitat, including birds and bird habitat
JRP	Norman Wells	July 13	TH – Wildlife and wildlife habitat, including birds and bird habitat
NEB	Yellowknife	July 24- Aug. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Engineering – all topics • Economic feasibility • Tolls and tariffs
JRP	Yellowknife	Aug. 15-16	TH – Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and Mackenzie Gathering System routing and design
JRP	Yellowknife	Aug. 17-18	GH – Open
JRP	Yellowknife	Aug. 21	GH – Education, training, employment and procurement
JRP	Yellowknife	Aug. 23	TH – Project-related expenditures and economic benefits
JRP	Yellowknife	Aug. 24	TH – Project-related economic costs and physical infrastructure impacts
JRP	Paulatuk	Sept. 7	CH
JRP	Holman	Sept. 8	CH
JRP	Sachs Harbour	Sept. 9	CH
JRP	Tuktoyaktuk	Sept. 11-12	CH
JRP	Tuktoyaktuk	Sept. 13	GH – Open
JRP	Tuktoyaktuk	Sept. 14	TH – Marine environment, marine habitat, marine mammals and marine birds
JRP	Aklavik	Sept. 15	CH
JRP	Whitehorse	Sept. 19	GH – Open
NEB	Fort Providence	Sept. 25-26	• General

- Engineering – logistics and transportation

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NEB	High Level	Sept. 27-28	• General
NEB	Hay River	Sept. 29-30, Oct. 2	• General
NEB	Wrigley	Oct. 3	• Engineering – logistics and transportation • General
NEB	Fort Simpson	Oct. 4-6	• Engineering – slopes and water crossings • General • Engineering – slopes and water crossings
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 13	GH/TH – Socio-cultural impacts
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 16	CH
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 17	TH – Greenhouse gas emissions and air quality
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 18	TH – Water quality and quantity, fish and aquatic habitat
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 19	TH - Wildlife and wildlife habitat, including birds and bird habitat (Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary)
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 20	GH – Harvesting and other land use
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 23	GH/TH - Environmental management plans, monitoring and follow-up programs
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 25	GH/TH – Project need, purpose and alternatives; Cumulative impacts
JRP	Inuvik	Oct. 26	GH/TH – Net contribution of the project
NEB	Inuvik	Oct. 30 – Nov. 3	Spare hearing week
JRP	Inuvik	Nov. 14-16	Closing Statements
NEB	Inuvik	Nov. 20-24	• General • Economic feasibility • Commercial access and fees • Tolls and tariffs
NEB	Colville Lake	Nov. 27	• General • Tolls and tariffs
NEB	Inuvik	Nov. 28- Dec. 1	• General • Economic feasibility • Commercial access and fees • Tolls and tariffs
NEB	Tuktoyaktuk	Dec. 4	• General
NEB	Inuvik	Dec. 5-15	• General • Economic feasibility • Commercial access and fees • Tolls and tariffs

Following the completion of the public hearings by the Joint Review Panel (JRP), the JRP will write its report and submit it to the federal government. The report and the response by government will be filed with the National Energy Board, which will reconvene its hearing for final argument.

If the proposed project were to proceed, applicants would require specific licenses and permits from northern regulatory boards – the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and the Northwest Territories Water Board. Each of these boards has mandatory public hearing requirements, depending on the type of license or permit sought. Any hearing that may be scheduled by these boards would be widely advertised.

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