

# MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT

## What's coming down the pipe?

\* Please note that dates provided after October 2004 are estimates only. Final schedules will be determined and announced by the Joint Review Panel and the National Energy Board Panel.

### June 18, 2003

Preliminary Information Package submitted by Mackenzie Gas Producers.

### October 2003 – June 2004

Minister of Environment, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB), and the Inuvialuit Game Council review information and refer Mackenzie Gas Project to a Joint Review Panel. DIAND Minister approves MVEIRB request to refer project to Joint Review Panel.

### April – June 2004

Draft terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Statement and draft Joint Review Panel Agreement released for comment.

### June 2004

Phase I Participant funding awarded.

### August 18, 2004

Environmental Impact Statement Terms of Reference finalized and released, Joint Review Panel Agreement signed and released, and Joint Review Panel appointed.

### October 2004

- Environmental Impact Statement and applications filed by Mackenzie Gas Producers.
- National Energy Board announces receipt of applications.

### October – November 2004

Application and Environmental Impact Statement reviewed for conformity by the Joint Review Panel.

### November 2004

- Hearing order or letter of deficiency issued by National Energy Board.
- Phase II Participant Funding awarded.

### November – December 2004

Northern Gas Project Secretariat, the Joint Review Panel and National Energy Board to hold public information sessions. Other public information sessions to follow by relevant federal government departments.

### February – June 2005

- Joint Review Panel hearings are anticipated in select communities in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, the Gwich'in region, the Sahtu region and in the Deh Cho region, Yellowknife and northern Alberta.
- National Energy Board public hearings are anticipated in regional centres along the pipeline route.

### July – October 2005

Joint Review Panel prepares panel report.

### October/November 2005

Joint Review Panel releases its report with recommendations to government and the National Energy Board.

### February/March 2005

- Government issues a response to the Panel report.
- Hearing of argument by National Energy Board.

### Dates to be determined:

- National Energy Board releases its Reasons for Decision on the Mackenzie Gas Project application (National Energy Board regulatory process).
- If the Mackenzie Gas Project is approved by the National Energy Board, applications will be made to Northern Boards and regulators, which may then hold their hearings.
- Authorizations could be issued at this point by Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, National Energy Board and Department of Environment, and other northern boards, agencies and departments.
- If all approvals are received, construction could begin.



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