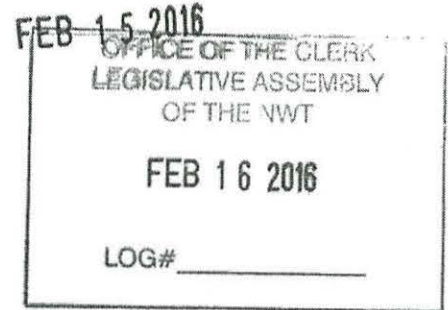




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Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
Mackenzie Gas Project Request for an Extension of its Sunset Clause

I am writing you to provide you with an update on the status of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) response to Imperial Oil Resource Ventures Limited's (IORVL) request for an extension of the sunset clause of their Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) National Energy Board's (NEB).

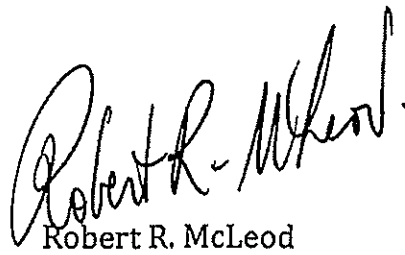
Both the NEB and Office of the Regulator for Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) have been working to make a decision regarding the application for a seven-year extension to the sunset clause of the Mackenzie Gas Project's (MGP) CPCN, since receiving the letter from IORVL in August 2015. Both regulators have indicated that they require some extra time to review the extension request and have extended the clauses for the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and Mackenzie Valley Gathering System until September 30, 2016 to allow time for this consideration. The NEB and OROGO Chief Conservation Officer in a joint Procedural Notice issued on November 17, 2015, indicated that they will be accepting written comments with respect to the proposed extensions until February 16, 2016.

The GNWT will continue its past role as an intervener and will be submitting written comments to NEB and OROGO to be considered by the specified deadline. The department of Industry, Tourism and Investment has been coordinating this effort on behalf of the GNWT and has received input from a number of departments.

The GNWT recognizes that the development of the MGP will provide substantial benefits for the Northwest Territories and Canada, provided any potential adverse impacts are adequately mitigated and that benefits will flow to Northwest Territories residents and businesses.

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From the outset, including the creation of the Aboriginal Pipeline Group in 2000, the GNWT has been supportive of the MGP and has always taken a cooperative approach. In the spirit of this cooperation and in consideration of the size of the investment that has been taken by the proponents to date, the GNWT will be indicating that they support IORVL request to extend its sunset clause to December 31, 2022.



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