

Open Houses *and* Invitation to Comment

Spectra Energy (Proponent) is proposing to construct and operate a new natural gas system, the Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project (the proposed Project), from the Cypress area of northeast BC to a proposed LNG export facility at Ridley Island, near Prince Rupert, BC. The proposed Project is envisioned as a natural gas transportation corridor that could allow for up to two adjacent pipelines, three metering facilities, and up to five compressor stations within a single Application Corridor, as well as connection to Spectra Energy's existing transportation system at Station 2 (southwest of Fort St. John, BC).

The initial, approximately 850-kilometre and up to 4.2 billion cubic feet per day natural gas pipeline, would serve BG Group's proposed Prince Rupert LNG Project. A second pipeline, if and as developed, would provide the opportunity for additional natural gas supply to the West Coast within a single right-of-way. If a second pipeline is developed, it would be constructed after the initial pipeline and would require further permitting.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent has now submitted its application (the Application) to obtain an environmental assessment certificate which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project.

In order to provide information to the public about the Application, and to receive comments from the public, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) invites the public to attend an **Open House**.

Open Houses are scheduled from **5:00pm to 8:00pm** in the following locations:

Prince Rupert on: June 3, 2014

North Coast Meeting & Convention Centre, Rooms 101-102
240 West 1st Avenue, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1A8

Terrace on: June 4, 2014

Northwest Community College, Waap Haawk Building, Cafeteria
5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 4X2

New Hazelton on: June 5, 2014

New Hazelton Elementary, Gymnasium
3275 Bowser Street, New Hazelton, BC V0J 2J0

Ft. St. James on: June 9, 2014

Stuart Lake Senior's Centre
250 Simon Fraser Avenue South, Fort St. James, BC V0J 1P0

Mackenzie on: June 10, 2014

Mackenzie Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room
400 Skeena Street, Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Hudson's Hope on: June 11, 2014

Hudson's Hope Community Hall
10310 100th Street, Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1C0

Fort St. John on: June 12, 2014

North Peace Cultural Centre, Conference Room
10015 100th Avenue, Fort St. John, BC V1J 1Y7

Smithers on: June 16, 2014

Hudson Bay Lodge, Ferguson Room
3251 Highway 16 E, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0

There are 45 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the Application. The comment period will begin on May 14, 2014 and end on June 27, 2014. All comments received during this comment period will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

• **By Online Form at:**

<http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca>

• **By Mail:**

Nathan Braun, Project Assessment Manager
Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9V1

• **By Fax:**

Fax: 250-387-0230

An electronic copy of the Application and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application are also available for viewing at these locations:

Fort St. John Public Library
Dawson Creek Municipal Library
Chetwynd Public Library
Hudson's Hope Public Library
Mackenzie Public Library
The Prince George Public Library
Fort St. James Public Library
Smithers Public Library
Vanderhoof Public Library
Burns Lake Public Library
Fraser Lake Public Library
Kitimat Public Library Association
Hazelton District Public Library
Prince Rupert Public Library
Terrace Public Library

Additionally, copies are available at the following Spectra Energy and BG Group office locations:

Vancouver

Suite 1100, 1055 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V6E 3R5

Prince George

3985-22nd Avenue
Prince George, BC V2N 1B7

Terrace

210-4716 Lazelle Avenue
Terrace, BC V8G 1T2

Fort St. John

13217 Westcoast Frontage
Fort St John, BC V1J 4H7

Prince Rupert

610 Second Avenue West
Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1H2

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.