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Dear Mr. Jennings:

I write to advise you that pursuant to sec. 18 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* Kevin Jardine, Associate Deputy Minister and Executive Director of the Environmental Assessment Office, determined on August 12, 2015 that the Northwest Transmission Line Project has been substantially started.

This determination means that the Environmental Assessment (EA) Certificate remains in effect for the life of the project, subject to the Minister's power to cancel and suspend an EA Certificate due to non-compliance.

If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 778 677-5422 or by email at Jim.Russell@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Jim Russell Strategic Advisor

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