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Pipeline Project

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1.0 BACKGROUND

1 Public consultation activities for the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project (Project) are
2 carried out according to the approved Public Consultation Plan. The Plan was
3 submitted to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) on March 13, 2013 and
4 posted to the EAO website on May 30, 2013.

5 The Plan uses the following terminology to describe segments of the public who may
6 take an interest in the Project:

- 7 • stakeholders (e.g., landowners, trappers, tenants and tenure holders, and hunting
8 and guiding outfitters)
- 9 • municipal and regional governments and services (e.g., elected officials,
10 administrative and planning staff, emergency services and economic development
11 organizations)
- 12 • public (e.g., media, interest groups, colleges, training providers, interested
13 individuals and business organizations)

14 As required by Part H of the Section 11 Order issued by the EAO, Coastal GasLink
15 has provided three reports on the implementation of its Public Consultation Plan.
16 Report 1 was dated April 30, 2013, Report 2 was dated March 2014 and Report 3 was
17 dated July 9, 2014.

18 Coastal GasLink has continued to engage with stakeholders, municipal and regional
19 governments, and the public, through public information sessions, face-to-face-
20 meetings, attendance at public events, and through emails and telephone calls. Coastal
21 GasLink's Pathway to Pipeline Readiness skills training program, involving
22 partnerships with all four of northern BC's public post-secondary institutions and
23 with Aboriginal training organizations, has also provided an effective means for
24 interacting with educators and trainers, trainees and community leaders. In addition to
25 opening its Vancouver office in October 2012, Coastal GasLink opened a regional
26 office in Prince George in June 2013, and followed with the opening of a community
27 office in Smithers in June 2015, to further increase accessibility of Project
28 information.

29 The goal of Coastal GasLink's Public Consultation program is to convey plans and
30 schedules for the proposed Project to gather input from landowners, other
31 stakeholders and the general public. The feedback received during public consultation
32 informed Coastal GasLink's Application for an Environmental Assessment
33 Certificate (EAC Application) and continues to inform the project planning process.

34 From the start of project planning, Coastal GasLink has engaged extensively with
35 potentially affected landowners, Crown tenure holders, guide outfitters and other land
36 users through its Land program.

1 Coastal GasLink has hosted or taken part in more than 50 community information
2 sessions and EAO-sponsored open houses since mid-2012, and participated in
3 numerous conferences and events at the local, regional and provincial level. Through
4 this process, the Project team has collected the names of more than 580 people who
5 have entered their names on a “Stay Informed” list to receive quarterly newsletters
6 and special Project updates.

2.0 PROPOSED MORICE RIVER NORTH ALTERNATE ROUTE

2.1 NOTIFICATION PROCESS

1 Coastal GasLink’s proposed Morice River North Alternate (MRNA) Route is located
2 approximately 35 km southwest of the District of Houston townsite, within the
3 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN). The proposed MRNA Route does not
4 affect any additional communities to those identified in Coastal GasLink’s EAC
5 Application.

6 Elected officials from the following jurisdictions were informed of the proposed
7 MRNA Route by telephone in late August 2015:

- 8 • District of Kitimat
- 9 • City of Terrace
- 10 • Town of Smithers
- 11 • District of Houston
- 12 • Village of Burns Lake
- 13 • Village of Fraser Lake
- 14 • District of Vanderhoof
- 15 • City of Prince George
- 16 • District of Tumbler Ridge
- 17 • District of Chetwynd
- 18 • City of Dawson Creek
- 19 • City of Fort St. John
- 20 • Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

21 Officials in municipal and regional districts were notified by email on September 23,
22 2015 about Coastal GasLink’s intention to file amendment applications with the EAO
23 and BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) regarding the proposed MRNA Route. This
24 notification reached the above-mentioned municipalities and the Regional Districts of
25 Kitimat-Stikine and Fraser-Fort George, and the Peace River Regional District.

26 A map of the subject area was attached to the notification. Recipients were invited to
27 respond with questions or comments. In-person discussions about the proposed
28 MRNA Route were held with the RDBN Director Rob Newell, and Mayors of
29 Smithers, Houston and Burns Lake. RDBN’s Director informed Coastal GasLink that
30 he would provide the notification to local residents. A follow-up call and email was
31 sent to the RDBN Director to verify the distribution of the notification and discuss the
32 proposed MRNA Route. See Appendix A for a copy of this notification email.

1 Potentially affected Crown tenure holders were provided a notification package on
2 September 30, 2015. These 45 tenure holders were encouraged to contact Coastal
3 GasLink if they had any inquiries related to the proposed MRNA Route. In addition,
4 the OGC consultation and notification package was distributed on October 7, 2015,
5 providing another opportunity for potentially affected interest holders to provide
6 comment.

7 Subscribers to Coastal GasLink’s “Stay Informed” list received a general notice about
8 the proposed MRNA Route on September 25, 2015. Maps of the subject area were
9 attached. Recipients were invited to respond with questions or comments.

10 The Project website was updated on September 24, 2015 with a description of the
11 proposed MRNA Route and a map. In addition to this, the October Project newsletter
12 featured an article on the proposed MRNA Route and invited comments from
13 interested members of the public.

2.2 PUBLIC INPUT

14 Coastal GasLink has received several expressions of satisfaction with the decision to
15 consider an alternate route, as well as the notification and communication regarding
16 the amendment applications. This feedback was received via email and in person
17 from a number of local government elected officials. No specific feedback relative to
18 the proposed MRNA Route was provided by local government representatives. The
19 RDBN holds a Crown tenure and was also consulted as part of the Crown tenure
20 engagement. As part of this consultation process, RDBN responded with a request to
21 consult regarding several topics of interest, including permitting, water and waste
22 disposal, emergency response, invasive plants, timber utilization, and local
23 employment and contracting. A meeting has been arranged for November 25, 2015 to
24 continue the conversation with RDBN on these topics.

25 Of the 45 potentially affected holders of Crown tenures, five have provided feedback:

- 26 • Two tenure holders are seeking compensation.
- 27 • Two tenure holders are concerned that the presence of the pipeline will affect any
28 future mine development. Coastal GasLink has requested a meeting to further
29 discuss the concern.
- 30 • The RDBN responded with a request to consult regarding several topics (as
31 discussed above).

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September 23, 2015

Good afternoon,

I am writing to notify you that Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. (Coastal GasLink) is taking steps to apply for an alternate route in the Morice River area by amending our Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) that we received from the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), and our BC Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) permit.

The proposed alternate pipeline route is located in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. It begins at a point approximately 35 kilometres south of Houston and runs westward, approximately parallel to our EAC route. Most of the alternate route is on the north side of the Morice River rather than the south side. It rejoins the EAC route approximately 56 kilometres from its starting point. See attached map for further reference.

The decision to submit this application follows extensive consultation with Aboriginal groups in the area who expressed a concern about pipeline construction activities south of the Morice River, and the potential effect to the underground springs that feed the River. We are now considering the feasibility of an alternate route referred to as the "Morice River North Alternate" (MRNA) route which is approximately five kilometers north of our current pipeline route. Environmental, archaeological and engineering information has been collected on the MRNA route that would support amendment applications to both the EAO and OGC. Aboriginal groups whose traditional territory may be potentially impacted by the proposed MRNA route were invited to participate in the field data collection programs and provide Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

We anticipate filing an application to amend the EAC with the EAO as early as November 2015, and applying to the OGC for approval of the MRNA route shortly after. The final route will be determined as an outcome of these regulatory processes, and once we have had the opportunity to advance construction planning and detailed engineering design taking into account cultural, environmental, commercial, and constructability considerations.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Coastal GasLink Project. If you have questions about this application or any aspect of the project, feel free to contact me directly. Our public telephone number is 1-855-633-2011, and our project email address is coastalgaslink@transcanada.com.

For more project information, please visit our website at www.coastalgaslink.com.

Regards,

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