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Attention: Chief Executive Assessment Officer – via email: <a href="mailto:elenore.arend@gov.bc.ca">elenore.arend@gov.bc.ca</a>

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – via email:

env.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Arend and Minister Heyman:

Re: Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Ltd.

Withdrawal of Application for an Extension of Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-05

On December 9, 2022, Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Ltd. (WCGT) submitted an application (Application) to request an extension to Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-05 (Certificate) for the WCGT Project (Project). Specifically, in the Application WCGT requested that:

- Under Section 46 of the Environmental Assessment Act (2018) (2018 EAA) the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (Minister) issue an order to vary the 2018 EAA to allow the Chief Executive Assessment Officer (CEAO) to grant a further Certificate extension under Section 31(4) of the 2018 EAA of 5 years from November 25, 2024 to November 25 2029;
- 2) Under Section 31(2) of the 2018 EAA, the CEAO extend the Certificate from November 25, 2024 to November 25, 2029, with any additional conditions; and
- The CEAO amend the Certificate to align it with the 2018 EAA and current EAO policies, guidelines and standard definitions.

After significant consideration, WCGT has decided to withdraw the Application. That said, the Certificate deadline remains November 25, 2024 and we still continue to work with stakeholders and Indigenous groups with respect to the development of the Project.

WCGT appreciates the time and effort that has been expended thus far by the CEAO, EAO staff and the Minister to consider the Application. WCGT will notify Indigenous groups and other potentially affected stakeholders of its decision to withdraw the Application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 713-206-9637 or Emily Black at 403-831-0285 regarding this matter.

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