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SENT VIA EMAIL

Dan Wyman Manager, Coastal GasLink Regulatory Services TC Energy 450-1st Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 5H1

Dear Dan,

RE: Warning for Non-Compliance with Condition 26 of Environmental Assessment Certificate # E14-03, Environmental Management Plan

On November 7 to 9, 2023, Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer Smith conducted a field inspection (Inspection), of the Coastal Gaslink Pipeline Project (Project) against the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-03 (Certificate). Based on the site observations and review of information obtained during the Inspection, it was determined that the Certificate Holder, Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd. (the Holder) is not compliant with Condition 26 of the Certificate.

Condition 26 requires the Holder to develop and implement an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in accordance with Section 25 and Appendix 2A of the Application.

Section 8.6.3 of the EMP includes requirements with respect to streambank protection and reclamation following construction including the following:

- Drainage patterns. Regrade after backfilling to reclaim natural drainage patterns and remove potential barriers or conduits to water flow.
- Bank Protection and Reclamation. Return the bed and banks of each
 watercourse to as close as practical to their original construction preparation
 contours. Do not realign or straighten watercourses or change their hydraulic
 characteristics.

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Section 8.4 of the EMP includes the requirements with respect to streambank restoration using willows including the following:

• Implement permanent bank reclamation measures to re-establish riparian vegetation and fish habitat as a part of backfill operations (Refer to Appendix B, Dwgs. STDS-03-ML-05-606).

The inspection findings are documented in Inspection Record 20230076_IR001.

The Holder is hereby <u>WARNED</u> that the Project is not compliant with Condition 26 of the Certificate. The maximum penalty for failure to comply with an Environmental Assessment Certificate is \$1 000 000 and, on each subsequent conviction, fine of not more than \$2 000 000.

The Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement Branch will continue to monitor this issue and may follow-up with further inspections as required. Future or continuing non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action as warranted.

Please contact me at 250-889-0490 or via email at clayton.h.smith@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Smith
Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer
Environmental Assessment Office

cc: EAO Compliance