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Via email: Alex.MacLennan@gov.bc.ca

Alex MacLennan
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Dear Alex MacLennan:

Re: Net zero standard

I am writing to advise you of a clarification of the policy provided to your predecessor, Elenore Arend, via letter from former Minister Heyman dated May 31, 2024, a copy of which is attached (the "letter"). Other than what is set out in the clarification below, the government's policy remains the same as what is set out in the letter.

The clarification applies to liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities, referred to in the letter.

The government's policy is that proponents of LNG facilities must, during the environmental assessment process, provide a credible plan for their Project to be *net-zero ready* by 2030. Subject to the paragraph below, net-zero ready means that the proponent must provide a credible plan for their Project to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, unless it is not reasonably possible, due to circumstances beyond the control of the proponent, for the Project to be served by grid electricity by 2030 (including the inability, despite reasonable commercial efforts, to finalize arrangements for the provision of grid electricity with a provider thereof). In that case, the proponent must provide a credible plan for their Project to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, subject only to the provision of grid electricity to the Project.

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The proponent's plan must still demonstrate how the proponent will achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in respect of Project emissions that are unrelated to the provision of electricity (for example, combustion unrelated to electricity generation such as for heaters or thermal oxidizers, natural gas flaring, or on-site transport). Further, the proponent's plan must include information concerning its efforts to obtain grid electricity, and information the proponent has received from the provider of the grid electricity regarding the estimated date by which grid electricity will be provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ADIX', is positioned above the typed name.

Adrian Dix
Minister

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