Engagement on Regulations for the Canadian Energy Regulator Act

Natural Resources Canada and the National Energy Board are seeking public comments to help inform the approach to developing two new regulations and updating an existing regulation to support the government's proposed Canadian Energy Regulator Act (CER Act), which would create the Canadian Energy Regulator.

The following two Discussion Papers are provided for public review to November 28, 2018:

• Designated Officers Regulation

• These regulations would specify technical and administrative functions that can be carried out by designated officers within the Canadian Energy Regulator.

• Power Line Damage Prevention Regulation

The current regulations require updating under the proposed CER Act to continue to provide a framework for safely conducting activities near federally regulated power lines.

A Discussion Paper on the Time Management Regulation will be released later this Fall. This regulation would provide the circumstances when time periods in project reviews may be excluded from the calculation of legislated timelines.

Each Discussion Paper contains questions for your input; your submission will assist with the development of the regulations. Should you have questions on any of the regulations, contact information is provided in each of the Discussion Papers, which can be accessed online at https://www.rncanengagenrcan.ca/en/collections/new-canadian-energy-regulator.

The CER Act was tabled in Parliament on February 8, 2018, as part of Bill C-69. It is currently subject to the parliamentary process and will continue its review by the Senate this fall.

When the proposed CER Act comes into force, the legislative changes will be implemented and the National Energy Board will become the Canadian Energy Regulator. In the meantime, existing legislation and regulations remain in force. Projects that have been approved or are currently being reviewed are required to follow current legislation and regulations.

For further information on upcoming engagement on regulations and policies for Bill C-69, please go to the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews webpage, located

at https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews.html.

Sincerely,

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