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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Kristi Sebaij
Cc: Allan Jolly; Jean Pierre Chabot; Don Richardson
Subject: RE: EB-2016-0004 - Natural Gas Expansion Generic Hearing - Applying for Intervenor Status

Dear Ms Sebaij

Please accept this email and as a formal request from MoCreebec Eeyoud to intervene into EB-2016-0004.

The MoCreebec Eeyoud is a First Nation with neither a land base nor a reserve, though it is sometimes referred to as a near-band. MoCreebec Eeyoud community members are status and have, for multiple generations resided in Moose Factory, Ontario. MoCreebec Eeyoud members derive their roots from communities along the east coast of James Bay in Quebec. MoCreebec Eeyoud members do not however receive benefits under either Treaty 9 or the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (unless they were to move to access the latter). MoCreebec Eeyoud is structured as a federally incorporated non-profit corporation and membership is open to anyone who can trace their ancestry to a Y-dialect Cree-speaker.

Natural gas is not available in Moosonee or Moose Factory, nor to any other “remote” community in the province because it is uneconomic to build long-distance gas pipelines to serve small communities. Union Gas has, or will shortly have the ability to supply LNG (liquefied natural gas) throughout northeastern Ontario from their Hagar facility and there may be other suppliers in the near term. LNG offers the potential of natural gas with distribution by rail or road to communities that are inaccessible using conventional technology. The storage and transport of LNG by tanker truck is new.

Our intervention will be on the potential of LNG transport specifically to Moose Factory, ON but in general terms to remote communities throughout the province. The issues surrounding the costs of the infrastructure from the perspective of a small First Nation community are very important and we hope to explore these issues in greater depth through our intervention. In particular, we wish to assure that LNG, and LNG to remote communities, is considered through the hearing. From our perspective, LNG presents a unique opportunity to lower the costs of living. The current situation where space-heating is mainly achieved through electricity is costing many of our fixed-income members significant hardship and financial stress.

We intend to participate for up to three days in person and will be prepared to make a presentation. French services are not necessary. The MoCreebec Eeyoud asks that cost eligibility be considered as without an award of costs we will not be able to travel to Southern Ontario. The Draft Issue List that must be addressed is beyond our technical knowledge and consultants will be required to assist us in preparing the intervention.

Please address all correspondence to the undersigned.

Respectfully



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