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Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Subject: Intervention Request in the Matter of EB-2016-0137, EB-2016-0138 and EB-2016-0139 – Northeast Midstream LP

Northeast Midstream LP ("Northeast") was an intervenor in the Generic Proceeding on Community Expansion (EB-2016-0004). This letter is a request to participate EB-2016-0137, EB-2016-0138 and EB-2016-0139 as an intervenor, pursuant to the notice of application dated December 21, 2016.

Northeast has appeared in front of the Board twice in the last two years to address matters of public policy relating to access to the Ontario natural gas market by new entrants. In both cases, the Board accepted our evidence in its decisions (EB-2014-0012 and EB-2016-0004).

The Northern Ontario communities of Marathon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Wawa, and Manitouwadge (the "Municipalities") have signed natural gas franchise precedent agreements with Northeast that will result in a build out of a regional gas delivery system supplied by liquefied natural gas ("LNG"), subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions precedent.

The Municipalities are located on the North Shore of Lake Superior, along the Highway 17 corridor between Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. At present there is no natural gas supply or distribution on the North Shore and no other entity has applied for or



been granted authority (conditional or otherwise) to serve the Municipalities, due to the high capital cost of natural gas pipeline expansion.

Northeast's interest in the above-mentioned proceeding relates to ramifications resulting from certain parts of the Generic Proceeding decision, including but not limited to the potential for multiple leave-to-construct applications for the same expansion project and Board criteria for new entrants.

Northeast intends to participate responsibly and prudently in the process. Northeast may make submissions, as necessary, to raise and address issues relating to public policy matters, but will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding.

Northeast requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, as follows:

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Northeast is not seeking its costs associated with its participation in the proceeding. However, Northeast reserves the right to request costs related directly to the filing of submissions, such as expert evidence, that speak to one or more public policy issues that are deemed by the Board to be relevant.

Thank you for your consideration.

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