

Notification of Application to Participate in National Energy Board Public Hearing

TransCanada PipeLines Limited Eastern Mainline Project

The National Energy Board (Board) received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) for approval to construct and operate the Eastern Mainline Project, which would consist of approximately 245 km of new gas pipeline and related components and would be constructed in four sections, beginning near Markham, Ontario and finishing near the community of Iroquois, Ontario. About 195 km of the proposed 245 km pipeline would be installed adjacent to existing pipeline, railway and public highway rights-of-way.

The application for the Eastern Mainline Project has been filed to enable TransCanada to continue to meet its commercial obligations following the proposed transfer of certain Canadian Mainline facilities to Energy East Pipeline Ltd. for the conversion of those facilities to crude oil from natural gas service (Asset Transfer). The Asset Transfer makes up a portion of the Energy East application. TransCanada is not, in this application, seeking approvals pursuant to Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act*, relating to recovery of the cost of the Eastern Mainline Project through tolls.

TransCanada's Application and a description of the Eastern Mainline Project are available on the Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

The Eastern Mainline and Energy East Projects will be reviewed by a single Panel made up of three Board Members, who will consider all evidence filed on both projects. This is the most effective approach to conduct a thorough review. The details of the hearing process will follow once the Application to Participate (ATP) process has ended. Further information on the Panel can be found on the NEB website.

The Board is currently assessing completeness of the Eastern Mainline Project application. The completeness determination is an initial threshold question where the Board determines if an application is sufficiently complete to proceed to assessment. If the application is found to be sufficiently complete, the Board will hold a hearing, at which time it will collect evidence from the parties approved during the ATP process. Any information received prior to the completeness determination is not considered to be evidence in the hearing.

Participation in the Hearing

The List of Issues is available on the Board's website and will be part of the ATP form for the Eastern Mainline Project.

Those who wish to participate in the hearing for the Eastern Mainline Project must apply to participate using the ATP form. Commercial and economic matters related to the Eastern Mainline Project will be considered as part of the Energy East Project. To address those issues, interested persons should apply to participate using the Energy East ATP form.

Persons who apply to participate must clearly describe their interests and how those interests relate to the issues on the List of Issues. Those persons or groups who, in the Board's view, demonstrate clearly that they are directly affected will be allowed to participate. The Board may allow people who clearly demonstrate they have relevant information or expertise to participate.

The Board encourages persons to collaborate or form a group with those who share similar interests or views or will present similar evidence. Groups should complete one ATP form on behalf of their group, identifying the individual(s) who will speak on behalf of the group. The ATP form will be available on the Board's website **from 3 February to 3 March 2015**. All deadlines must be adhered to.

**The deadline to submit an Application to Participate is noon, 3 March 2015,
Mountain Standard Time.**

To access the ATP form, select "Eastern Mainline Project" from the Quick Links menu on the right hand side of the Board's main page. A link to *Apply to Participate* will be visible on the right hand side menu of the Eastern Mainline Project webpage.

Process Advisory Team

The Board's Process Advisory Team will provide general information and a step-by-step overview of the ATP process through technology-based (online) sessions. The ATP forms and the schedule for information sessions are available at www.neb-one.gc.ca along with information on the Board's hearing process and participant funding.

If you have process questions or need further assistance accessing the website or the ATP forms, please contact the Board's Eastern Mainline Process Advisory Team:

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