

**Notification of Application to Participate in
National Energy Board Public Hearing
TransCanada PipeLines Limited
Eastern Mainline Project**

The National Energy Board (Board) previously received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) for approvals needed to construct and operate the proposed 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. (Application). TransCanada's Application and a description of the Eastern Mainline Project are available on the Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

TransCanada filed the 17 December 2015 amendments to address the agreement reached with three local distribution companies in Eastern Canada and to reflect the project changes. The new capacity for the Project, will be 2,714 TJ/d, an increase from 2,546 TJ/d as set out in the original Application. As a result of the amended scope and route adjustments, the overall length of the Project has increased by approximately 34 km to approximately 279 km.

The Board is opening a supplemental Application to Participate (ATP) process. The supplemental Application to Participate process is meant for those who may be directly affected by the amendments, or who may have relevant information or expertise related to the amendments.

Participation in the Hearing

If you previously applied to participate, you need not apply again. Your original Application to Participate remains valid and will be considered by the Board.

Those who wish to participate in the hearing for the Eastern Mainline Project must apply to participate using the 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](#). You must also describe how you are directly affected or have relevant information or expertise. The revised List of Issues for Eastern Mainline can be found on the Board's website. Those individuals or groups who demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that they are directly affected by the proposed Project will be allowed to participate in the hearing and those determined to have relevant information or expertise may be allowed 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 online Application to Participate form will be available on the Board's website for a period of three weeks, starting **30 March to 20 April 2016**. **The deadline to submit an Application to Participate is noon, 20 April 2016, Mountain Standard Time.** All deadlines must be adhered to.

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 in the centre 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 supplemental 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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