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Dear Ms. Homer, Mr. Thrasher, and Mr. Denstedt:

**NOVA Gas Transmission Limited (NGTL)  
Application for the 2017 NGTL System Expansion Project (Application)  
Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate**

On 31 March 2015, NGTL applied to the National Energy Board (Board or NEB) for approvals to construct and operate the 2017 NGTL System Expansion Project (Project), a proposed expansion of the NGTL System consisting of approximately 230 kilometres of pipeline in five new and separate section loops as well as two compression unit additions located in various areas in northern Alberta. The Project is a “designated project” pursuant to section 2(b) of the [Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012](#), for which the Board is the responsible authority.

As described in a separate letter dated 29 May 2015, the Board determined the Application complete to proceed to assessment. The Board will hold a public hearing in which the Application will be reviewed by a Panel made up of three Board Members, who will consider all evidence filed and on the record for the Application, before making the Board’s recommendation and decisions. Further information about the hearing will follow once the Board’s Application to Participate (ATP) process has ended.

In consideration of the Application, the Board is releasing its List of Issues for the Project which is attached to this letter as Appendix A. It can also be found on the Board’s [webpage](#) for the Project.

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Those who wish to participate in the Board's hearing must apply to participate using the online ATP form. Applicants must clearly, and in sufficient detail, describe their interest in relation to the Issues the Board will consider for the hearing, which will be included on the ATP form.

The Board must hear from anyone clearly demonstrating they are directly affected by the Project, and may hear from those with relevant information or expertise. The Board will allow participation in the environmental assessment by those with relevant information or expertise to contribute.

The online ATP form will be available on the Board's [website](#) for a period of 3 weeks; starting **18 June 2015** and ending on **9 July 2015 at 4:00 pm** (local time, Calgary, Alberta). Interested applicants must adhere to all deadlines.

Further information about the Board's hearing and ATP processes can found on the Board's [website](#).

The Board directs NGTL, with respect to the attached Notice (Appendix B), to:

1. immediately commence distribution of copies of the Notice to be completed **no later than 12 June 2015** to: all persons or groups engaged by NGTL in its stakeholder engagement process, including potentially affected landowners along the proposed routes; all Aboriginal groups engaged by NGTL and/or on the list provided to NGTL by the Major Projects Management Office; and all persons or agencies listed in Appendix C to this letter;
2. post the Notice on NGTL's Project website; and
3. publish the Notice in publications or newspapers listed below **as soon as possible but no later than 19 June 2015**:

Publication Name	Province or Region	Language or Type of Publication	Frequency of Publication
Fairview Post	Fairview, AB	English	Weekly
Manning Banner Post	Manning, AB and Northern Lights County	English	Weekly
Fort McMurray Today	Fort McMurray and area	English	Daily
Wabasca Fever	Wabasca, AB and communities in Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17	English	Weekly
Grande Prairie Daily Herald-Tribune	Grande Prairie, AB and area	English	Daily
Hinton Parklander	Hinton, AB	English	Weekly
Edson Leader	Edson, AB	English	Weekly
Edmonton Journal	Edmonton and area	English	Daily
Le Franco	Alberta	Francophone	Weekly
Sweetgrass (or Windspeaker)	Alberta	Aboriginal	Monthly

4. Ensure the published notification meets the requirements of the Government of Canada's Federal Identity Program (for assistance please contact [FIP@neb-one.gc.ca](mailto:FIP@neb-one.gc.ca)). The Notice must be published as provided as it includes :
  - a map of the proposed Project;
  - the NEB logo (English or French); and
  - the Canada wordmark.

The Board also directs NGTL to make copies of the Application available for public viewing at various locations along the proposed Project route. The Board directs NGTL to make a list of these locations available on its Project's website.

The Board directs NGTL to file a letter with the Board following the distribution and publication of the Notice (Appendix B), confirming that all directions in this letter were followed.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by L. George*

for  
Sheri Young  
Secretary of the Board

Attachments

**2017 NGTL System Expansion Project**  
**List of Issues**

The Board has identified, but is not obliged to limit itself to, the following issues for consideration in the hearing with respect to the construction and operation of the proposed 2017 NGTL System Expansion Project (Project):

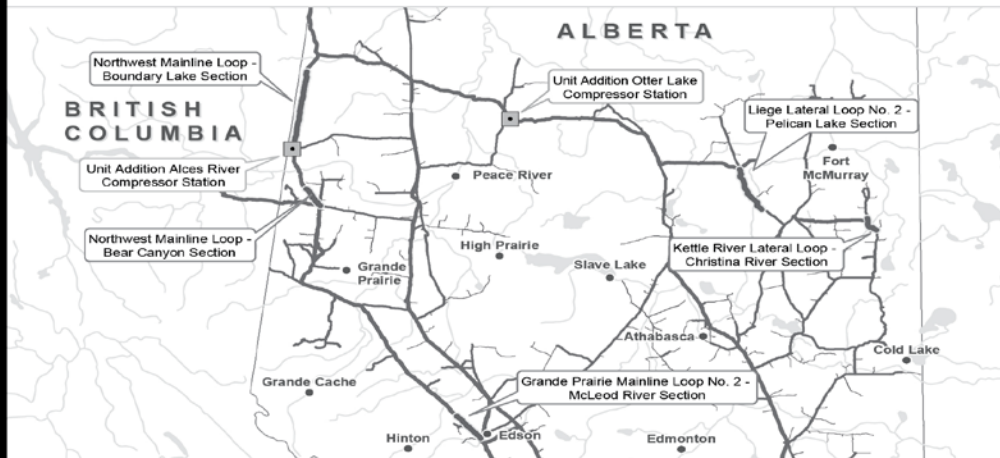
1. The need for the Project.
2. The economic feasibility of the Project.
3. The potential commercial impacts of the Project.
4. The implications of relief requested under Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act*, including the distribution of long-term potential tolling and financial risks associated with the Project.
5. The potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the Project, including those to be considered under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.
6. The appropriateness of the general route and land requirements for the Project.
7. Potential impacts of the Project on Aboriginal interests.
8. Potential impacts of the Project on landowners and land use.
9. The engineering design and integrity of the Project.
10. Contingency planning for spills, accidents or malfunctions, during construction and operation of the Project.
11. Safety and security during construction and operation of the Project, including emergency response planning and third-party damage prevention.
12. The terms and conditions to be included in any recommendation or approval the Board may issue.

## Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate 2017 NGTL System Expansion Project



### Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate 2017 NGTL System Expansion Project

The National Energy Board (Board) has received an application from NOVA Gas Transmission Limited (NGTL) for approvals to construct and operate a proposed expansion to the NGTL System to receive and deliver sweet natural gas. This proposed Project consists of approximately 230 km of pipeline in five new and separate pipeline section loops and two compressor unit stations located in various areas in northern Alberta.



#### Participating in this Hearing

The Board will hold a public hearing for the Project and will conduct an environmental assessment pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 as part of the hearing.

The Board must hear from anyone clearly demonstrating they are directly affected by the Project, and may hear from those with relevant information or expertise. The Board will allow participation in the environmental assessment by those with relevant information or expertise to contribute.

If you wish to participate, you must complete an online application form. The List of Issues for the Project is available on the Board's website and will be part of the form. There are typically two ways you can participate in a hearing:

- **Commenter** - share your views on the Project with the Board in a written Letter of Comment.
- **Intervenor** - ask questions, present evidence, answer questions about your evidence, and give a final argument. Intervenors may also be eligible for participant funding. Learn more at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/bfp](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/bfp)

The Application to Participate form will be available at [www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/applytoparticipate) starting **18 June 2015** and will close on **9 July 2015 at 4:00 pm** (local time, Calgary, Alberta). The Board will review each application and will inform everyone who applied whether or not they will be allowed to participate and how.

#### Need Process Information?



[www.neb-one.gc.ca/ngtl-expansion](http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/ngtl-expansion)



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The National Energy Board is an independent federal regulator of several parts of Canada's energy industry with the safety of Canadians and protection of the environment as its top priority. Its purpose is to regulate pipelines, energy development and trade in the Canadian public interest.

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Notice of Public Hearing and Application to Participate  
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2017 NGTL System Expansion Project**

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