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Via Email:

Dear Ms. Anderson:

RE: Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project Environmental/Impact Assessment (the
“Assessment”)
FortisBC Holdings Inc. (“FortisBC”)

On August 14, 2020 the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) and BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issued their Joint Summary of Issues and Engagement for the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project (Joint Summary). In the Joint Summary, the Agency notes that pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, FortisBC must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how it intends to address the issues in the Joint Summary.

In the Joint Summary, the Agency states that it has estimated that it will take approximately 30 days – until September 15, 2020 for FortisBC to provide the Detailed Project Description including the response to the Joint Summary but recognizes that FortisBC may require additional time. This estimate is consistent with the guidance published by the Agency on the preparation of the Detailed Project Description¹. FortisBC does not reasonably anticipate that it will be able to undertake consultation and prepare a Detailed Project Description containing the required information² and a response to the Joint Summary in thirty days.³ In order to prepare the Detailed Project Description and further engage with Indigenous Groups and stakeholders, additional time beyond September 15, 2020 will be required. The

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act.html>

² *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*

³ We note the BC EAO allows up to one year for submission of the Detailed Project Description from the issuance of the Joint Summary pursuant to Section 39(a) of British Columbia’s Environmental Assessment Act

Agency advised FortisBC to request a suspension of the timeline to accommodate filing of the Detailed Project Description after September 15, 2020.

Because the Agency has given an estimate of 30 days, FortisBC is therefore writing to request the federal Impact Assessment timeline be suspended as of September 15, 2020 until FortisBC submits its Detailed Project Description.

FortisBC further requests that when FortisBC has provided the Agency with its response to the Joint Summary and a Detailed Project Description, the Agency will post a notice that the prescribed activity is completed and the 180-day time limit will resume.

Thank you for your consideration in facilitating this phase of the Assessment.

Respectfully,

Todd Smith
Senior Manager
FortisBC Holdings Inc.