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Dear Ms. Robert, Ms. Fowke, and Mr. Crowther:

**Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge)  
Application for the Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project (Project)  
under section 58 and Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act)  
Legislated Timelines and Decision on Process**

On 11 October 2012, the National Energy Board (Board) received a Pre-Application Information filing regarding the reversal of Line 9B. An application from Enbridge (the Application) for the Project was received on 29 November 2012.

Following its review of the Application, on 19 December 2012, the Board determined that the Application is complete to proceed to assessment.

The Board has decided to hold a public hearing for this Project, consisting of written evidence and oral final argument. Participant Funding will be made available for this proceeding and information on the Participant Funding Program will be issued separately soon.

The details of this hearing process will be more completely defined in a hearing order to be issued in early 2013. The Board anticipates that its assessment process for the Application will include the following steps:

- Hearing Order Issued by the NEB, including a List of Issues
- Public Comments on the List of Issues
- Amendments to List of Issues, if any
- Applications to Participate

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- List of Participants released by NEB
- Additional Written Evidence submitted by Enbridge
- Two rounds of Information Requests to Enbridge from the Intervenor
  - Second round used to clarify responses from first round, if necessary
- Intervenor Written Evidence
- Letters of Comment by Interested Parties
- Information Requests from Enbridge to Intervenor
- Enbridge's Reply Evidence submitted
- Oral Final Argument
- Board Decision
  - 80% of Reasons for Decision are completed by the Board within 12 weeks following a public hearing

Pursuant to subsections 58(4) and (5) of the NEB Act and the 13 July 2012 letter from the Board, the time limit for the Board to issue an order or dismiss the Application is 15 months. Therefore the Board would issue its decision no later than 19 March 2014. The time limit and decision date represent the maximum time in which the Board would complete its assessment, subject to any modifications allowed under the NEB Act.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Michael Benson, Process Advisor, at 403-299-1992, or through the Board's toll-free number at 1-800-899-1265.

The Board directs Enbridge to serve a copy of this letter on all interested persons by 21 December 2012.

Yours truly,



Sheri Young  
Secretary of the Board

Cc: Enbridge is directed to serve all interested parties with this letter.