National Energy Board



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Dear Ms. Lanteigne:

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge) Line 9 Request for documentation on s.74, pipeline ownership

Public safety and the protection of the environment are the top priorities of the National Energy Board (NEB). The NEB accomplishes this by holding companies accountable for the safe operation of their pipelines. If the NEB is not convinced that a pipeline is safely operating in a manner that protects communities and the environment, the company will not be allowed to operate that pipeline.

We acknowledge receipt of the emails that you sent to the NEB Chair and CEO, Peter Watson, in addition to the several emails sent to various staff from August 18, 2015 to present on the topics of the ownership and integrity of Line 9. However, you have not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that any non-compliances have taken place, or that there are threats to safe pipeline operation that the Board has not already addressed.

Corporate changes of the type you noted do not impinge on the NEB's effectiveness as a regulator of pipelines in the Canadian public interest. They do not detract from the full accountability to the Board and liability of the certificate holders (regardless of name changes) for the safe and secure operation of pipelines.

You also addressed the compliance of Line 9B with CSA Z662-11. This matter was considered as part of the OH-002-2013 hearing and discussed in the Board's Reasons for Decision. Facilities built under older versions of the CSA standard are assessed as to whether they remain safe to operate.

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Should companies fail to live up to their commitments around safety and environmental protection, the NEB will not hesitate to take strong enforcement action.

Individuals who wish to raise issues with the NEB must file their documents through the NEB's electronic document submission portal, addressing evidence to the Secretary of the Board and at the same time serve the relevant company. Procedural fairness dictates that all parties involved must have equal access to the information. Email is not a valid method of filing regulatory documents with the NEB.

Further email correspondence on these matters will not be responded to.

Yours truly, Sheri Young Secretary of the Board