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Subject: Inuvialuit Submission regarding the NEB Modernization Expert Panel Terms of

Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide comments on behalf of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) with respect to the NEB Modernization Expert Panel Terms of Reference. These follow:

- The Energy Regulatory framework in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) is uniquely complex. Devolution of powers to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT_ has created a patchwork of regulations within the ISR which carries with it some uncertainty about the roles of different regulators.
- IRC strongly recommends that the Expert Panel be afforded the mandate to provide clarity over the respective
 roles and areas of coordination between the National Energy Board and the GNWT Office of the Regulator of
 Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) in the ISR. Additionally, IRC recommends that the Expert Panel have the
 authority to look closely at ensuring that as between the two regulators, Inuvialuit rights in the ISR are
 respected.
- IRC strongly recommends that the Expert Panel be afforded the mandate to review whether the NEB may
 consider a <u>regional</u> public interest instead of a <u>national</u> public interest when arriving at a decision about
 development in regions such as the ISR.
- IRC seeks consideration of the composition of the Board and the possible inclusion of Inuit representatives for northern-based proposals.
- IRC would like the review to clarify whether any actions will be taken with regard to 'land acquisition matters and related negotiation proceedings' and, if action is to be taken, how that may impact the administration of Inuvialuit lands.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about these submissions.

Best regards,



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