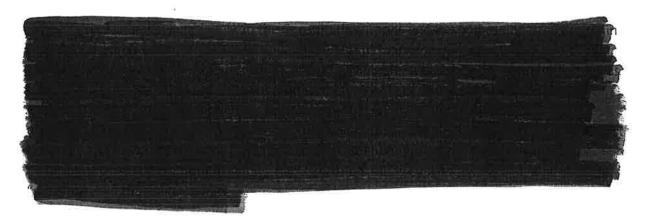


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National Energy Board (NEB) Modernization Expert Panel: Draft Terms of Reference CEAA.EAReview-ExamenEE.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

RE: Draft Terms of Reference, National Energy Board Modernization Expert Panel

Dear Minister Carr,



After reviewing the draft Terms of Reference our comments are as follows;

- Scope of Review #1 Governance states that "the Board's composition is "diverse"..."
 →where possible, this diversity should include an Indigenous person on the Board.
- Scope of Review #3 Decision-making Roles → the decision-making process must engage aboriginal people and must have an aboriginal person present at all decision making processes.
- Scope of Review #5 Indigenous Engagement 2nd bullet states "how the interests of Indigenous peoples are balanced against many and varied societal interests in decision-making. → this is a very significant and critical piece of the review. Attention should be focused on this item.
- The Review Process The Panel The first paragraph states "...panel members should have sufficient expertise in fields such as environmental science, community development, and indigenous traditional knowledge." → where possible, an Indigenous person shall be present on panel.
- When reviewing the NEB processes it should be taking into consideration, how to address the accommodations following consultations with Aboriginal People and assure all accommodations are met to the satisfaction of all parties involved in the process.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to submit comments that will be taken into consideration as the terms of reference for the Expert Panel for the National Energy Board Modernization. Please keep me informed of the review process and activities via the contact information I have provided. My community of Red Rock Indian Band looks forward to participating in the consultation process in the fall.

