

December 18, 2015

Ms. Sheri Young
Secretary of the Board
National Energy Board
517 10th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T2R 0A8

RE: Letter of Support for TransCanada's Energy East Project

Dear Ms. Young,

We are providing this letter of support for TransCanada's Energy East project.

Summit Pipeline Services ULC has been working with TransCanada for over twenty years providing integrity services on their pipeline assets. Through this experience, we have gained considerable insight on the processes, quality, diligence, and simply execution excellence that is employed by TransCanada in the operation of its systems. This factor, together with the considerable and proven benefits to Canada from the Energy East project, is why the management and staff of Summit unanimously and unequivocally provide our support. Further, we have the utmost confidence in the approach TransCanada has taken to inform and engage the public on the details, benefits and considerations of this project.

The benefits from this project will continue for many years ahead, providing the safest, most environmentally sustainable and most economical means of transporting this vital Canadian natural resource. *The Conference Board of Canada* has recently provided an updated economic impact study of this project, which has indicated economic contributors substantially greater than originally purported. For example, this study provides the following:

- **Job Creation** – *“14,007 FTE Direct and Indirect jobs in the development and construction phase annually. Further, this project is estimated to sustain 3,338 FTE direct and indirect jobs across Canada during the first twenty years of operation.”*
- **Tax Revenues** – *“The development and construction phase is expected to generate \$3.8 billion in tax revenues for provincial and federal governments. The operations phase will result in an expected additional \$6.5 billion tax revenues during the operations phase.”*
- **GDP Growth** – *“During the development and construction phase, this project is estimated to provide an estimate \$16.8 billion in additional GDP for the Canadian Economy, and, \$38.7 billion in the first 20 years of operation.”*

These are significant positive economic impacts. From a localized economic standpoint, all of Summit's inputs including materials, equipment and labour are sourced relatively local to the work, and company profits remain in Canada. Considering the scope and duration of this project and the positive potential economic spin off, as a locally managed Canadian company it is very exciting! This project would obviously provide opportunities for companies like ours to continue to invest in people, processes and equipment and allow us to provide stable and continuous opportunities to employees so that they can maintain the well being of their families and the communities in which they reside.

Again, Summit Pipeline Services ULC provides unequivocal support for the Energy East project and has called on all associates, suppliers, stakeholders, and fellow businesses to do the same. The facts support that this project simply makes sense. It makes sense not only from the environmental, economical and national-interest perspective, but also from a social one. We certainly appreciate the level of consultation, education and diligence taken by TransCanada and we thank you for accepting this letter of support.

Thank you and respectfully yours,

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