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INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 08-09

Subject: Additional Information Required for Submission of Deactivation Notices of Intent.

To: Industry Clients

Effective date: Immediate

Background:

Regarding the OGAA Implementation:

All necessary regulations, documents and background information on OGAA can be found at www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/

For any questions pertaining to the status of this document, please contact the Commission representative listed at the bottom.

Currently, the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) allows for the deactivation of pipelines pursuant to Canadian Standards Association Z662-07 via the Commission's on-line system.

The Commission is now requesting that appropriate information be submitted along with the Notice of Intent (NOI) on-line notification for deactivation.

This request ensures that all requirements of the code (Canadian Standards Association CSA Z662-07 Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems) are met and documented, providing greater public protection by ensuring that key information is readily available.

Requirements:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(1) of Pipeline Regulation 369/98, the standard governing deactivation of pipelines is CSA Z662-07. Clause 10.16.1 of CSA Z662-07 outlines the requirements needed to deactivate piping. The OGC is requesting that the operating company provide:

- Reasoning for deactivation of the pipeline;
- Method of isolation;
- Pressure left on the pipeline;
- The medium used to fill the pipeline and the effects of the medium on the integrity of the pipeline;
- Method being used for internal and external corrosion monitoring and mitigation;
- Planned length of deactivation; and,
- Planned maintenance activities on the pipeline during the deactivation time frame.

This information is to be submitted with the NOI, to be maintained in the file in the case of an emergency. All documentation is required to be maintained as per Clauses 9.11 and 10.4 of CSA Z662.

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For further information please refer to CSA Z662-07 Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems. This information can be found through the CSA website at www.csa.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the OGC Pipeline and Facilities Branch, attention:

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