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Ms. Sheri Young
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National Energy Board
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**Re: Notice of Intent to Order Pipeline Companies to Publish Emergency Management Program Information (Notice of Intent)
Comments of Westcoast Energy Inc., doing business as Spectra Energy Transmission (Westcoast)
National Energy Board (NEB or Board) File OF-Surv-Gen-08**

Dear Ms. Young,

Westcoast appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the September 8, 2016 Notice of Intent and draft Order related to publication of emergency management (EM) program information.

While Westcoast does not believe that the draft Order is necessary for the safety and security of oil and gas pipelines, it is generally supportive of initiatives aimed at improving transparency and public confidence in the industry, **provided such initiatives do not put critical infrastructure, and hence public safety, at risk.** Westcoast has previously raised concerns with respect to disclosure of specific information about the company's facilities and equipment that, if used by the untrained or those with ill intent, could lead to unintended consequences (see Westcoast's February 26, 2016 letter in response to the Notice of Intent to Order Pipeline Companies to Publish Emergency Procedure Manuals). These same concerns apply here to the extent the Board expects disclosure of specific EM information or documentation.

Westcoast echoes the request by the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) for an extension of the deadline to post the EM program information on its company website, for the reasons provided by CEPA. Westcoast simply does not have the resources to undertake the required review and drafting of the EM Program information by March 31, 2017, particularly given the competing filing deadlines identified by CEPA.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide comments on the Notice of Intent and draft Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Fiedorek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.