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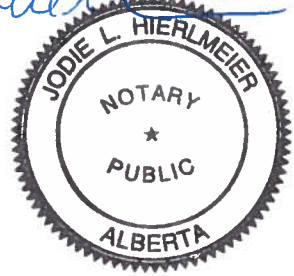
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MLA, Lethbridge-West

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19 DAY OF June, 2015

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTER

Alberta Land Stewardship Act
SA 2009, c. A-26.8, as amended

MINISTERIAL ORDER

12/2015

VARIANCE

PURSUANT TO section 15.1 of the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*, as amended, I, Shannon Phillips, Stewardship Minister, with written delegated authority pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Government Organization Act*, to exercise the powers respecting the granting of a variance conferred upon me as the Stewardship Minister responsible for the Act, have considered the application for a variance made by Enbridge Pipelines (Athabasca) Inc. (the "Applicant") on February 27, 2015 and their addendum on April 29, 2015.

The Applicant applied for a variance to the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (Order in Council 268/2012). The Applicant seeks to amend PLA 110283 (Norealis Pipeline) in order to build the Norlite Diluent Pipeline Project at Township 088, Range 07, West of the 4th Meridian adjacent to an existing pipeline corridor.

I am of the opinion that:

- a) the variance is consistent with the purposes of the Act;
- b) the variance is not likely to diminish the spirit and intent of the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan; and
- c) refusal to grant the variance would result in unreasonable hardship to the Applicant without an offsetting benefit to the overall public interest.

Therefore, pursuant to section 15.1 of the Act, I hereby issue a variance upon the terms and conditions attached as Schedule 1.

Dated at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta this 16th day of June, 2015.


Shannon Phillips
Stewardship Minister

SCHEDULE 1

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE VARIANCE

The Applicant is hereby granted a variance under the Act to construct and operate the Norlite Diluent Pipeline Project at Township 088, Range 07, West of the 4th Meridian adjacent to an existing pipeline corridor, disposition PLA110283 (containing the Norealis pipeline), through the Gipsy-Gordon Conservation Area as established under the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals from any other regulatory agency (federal, provincial, or municipal) to construct and operate all facilities and infrastructure at or related to its Norlite Diluent Pipeline Project.
2. The Applicant shall employ best practices during construction and operation of the Norlite Diluent Pipeline Project through the Gipsy-Gordon Conservation Area in recognition of the conservation area management intent as set out in the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan.
3. This variance expires:
 - (a) upon the expiry, cancellation or termination of the Applicant's existing disposition, PLA110283, as amended, under the *Public Lands Act*, RSA 2000, c. P-40; or
 - (b) upon the Government of Alberta identifying and dedicating a multi-use corridor in the Gipsy-Gordon Conservation Area that includes the Norlite Diluent Pipeline Project its facilities and associated dispositions.