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Via Email:

Dear Ms. Anderson and Mr. Mather:

RE: Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project Environmental/Impact Assessment (the  
"Assessment")

FortisBC Holdings Inc. ("FortisBC")

In consideration of the ongoing exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the relevant statutes, we are writing to request a further extension / suspension of the Early Engagement/Planning period of the Assessment, which commenced on February 27, 2020.

As this is a joint Provincial and Federal assessment:

- a) Section 38 of the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act, 2018* provides that an extension may be granted by the Minister or Chief Executive Assessment Officer under appropriate circumstances. We request that the Early Engagement period be extended by a further 30 days from 90 days to 150 days; and
- b) the *Impact Assessment Act, 2019* provides that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada may grant a suspension of timelines. We request that the Planning phase time-limit be suspended for an additional period of 30 days (60 days total) in the Federal timeline.

This second 30-day extension/suspension request is to allow all participants additional time to continue to respond to this emergency, ensure meaningful engagement with the public, stakeholders and Indigenous groups, and to allow coordinated planning for the public comment period following this extension/suspension period with the BC Environmental Assessment Office and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (Agency). FortisBC will continue to work with both the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office and the Agency and re-assess the impact of the COVID-19 situation on this phase of the Assessment in the coming weeks as we continue to engage and gather feedback on this important project.

Thank you for your consideration in facilitating this phase of the Assessment.



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Respectfully,

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