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Lisa Slomke Clerk
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RE: Intervener Status – Energy East Project

Dear Lisa,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am writing today to advise that NOMA will be seeking intervener status in the National Energy Boards process for the TransCanada Pipelines Energy East Project.

NOMA is supportive of this project and has sited that shipping crude oil by pipeline is by far, safer than transporting by rail or truck. There is a total population of 165,294 who live in our member municipalities directly impacted by rail lines and this number increases with the inclusion of First Nations communities and unincorporated areas.

The Energy East Project would move crude oil utilizing an existing natural gas pipeline located underground. The only above ground pipe is located at pump station sites, valve station sites, metering facilities and tank facilities.

NOMA is recommending that TransCanada Pipelines commit to installing valves on both sides of significant water crossings; ensure that the pipeline will be shut down at the first sign of a potential problem and conduct frequent inspections. We have also suggested that TransCanada Pipelines consult with all impacted communities to identify what a significant waterway entails. Safety in our communities and natural resources is paramount!

I have attached the presentation given to the Ontario Energy Board for your reference. I kindly request that you share this information with your Mayor, Council and Senior Staff.

Please provide your feedback to Kristen Oliver, Executive Director at (807) 683-6662 or admin@noma.on.ca by **Tuesday, November 25, 2014.**

Sincerely,

David Canfield, President