

Enbridge Northern Gateway Project Joint Review Panel

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3 December 2012

Ms. Ana Simeon
Sierra Club BC
304 – 733 Johnson Street
Victoria, BC V8T 2Y3

Dear Ms. Simeon:

**Northern Gateway Pipelines Inc. (Northern Gateway)
Application for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project (Project)
Hearing Order OH-4-2011
Notice of Motion - Late Request to Submit Letters of Comment
Ruling no. 127**

On 23 November 2012, you requested that the Joint Review Panel (Panel) accept three letters of comment late from the following individuals: (i) Helga Bosse; (ii) Elly Safari; and (iii) Sandra Taylor. The deadline to submit letters of comment was 31 August 2012.

In your motion, you stated that a letter writing group in the lower mainland had completed and forwarded these letters to the Sierra Club's BC offices in August of 2012, in advance of the 31 August deadline. However, due to an administrative error, the Sierra Club misplaced these letters and had not submitted them by the deadline.

The Panel sets deadlines for submission of documents in order to be transparent, fair and consistent with all participants. In this instance, an administrative error on the part of a third party, discovered approximately three months after the deadline, is not a sufficient reason to extend the deadline for letters of comment. For this reason, the Panel denies your request.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carol Vats, Legal Counsel at 403-299-3643 or 1-800-899-1265.

Yours truly,



for Sheri Young
Secretary to the Joint Review Panel



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