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Mr. Alex Bolton
Chairperson
Frontier Joint Review Panel
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Dear Mr. Bolton:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2019, to Mr. Gordon Lambert, Chief Executive Officer with the Alberta Energy Regulator, and me, requesting that the time limit for the submission of the Joint Review Panel's Report be extended by 98 days to allow the Joint Review Panel to submit its Report no later than July 25, 2019.

I considered the Joint Review Panel's request and, in consultation with Mr. Lambert, I recommended the Governor in Council grant the extension. As noted in the Joint Review Panel's request, this time is needed by the Alberta Energy Regulator to review several other large proposed projects and will allow the provincial secretariat staff and subject matter experts to provide the Panel with quality, timely advice.

The Governor in Council, acting on my recommendation, has extended the timeline for the issuance of a decision statement to Teck Resources Ltd. with respect to the proposed Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project by a total of 196 days. Accordingly, within this overall time limit, the time limit for submission of the Joint Review Panel's Report is extended 98 days. In light of the fact that this new timeline is likely to fall within the federal election period, the time limit for issuing the decision statement has also been extended, from 120 days to 218 days.

I trust that this extension will provide the Joint Review Panel with sufficient time to carry out the tasks outlined in your letter. Mr. Kurt Saunders, Director, Review Panels, with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, is available to provide any assistance or clarification that you may require. He can be reached by email at Kurt.Saunders@canada.ca or by telephone at 613-948-1351.

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Thank you for your ongoing effort and commitment with respect to the environmental assessment of the proposed Frontier Oil Sands Mine Project.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.