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Dear Mr. Theriault: *Eric*

RE: BEPCo Canada Company

Thank you for your letter providing additional clarification on Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) expectations for the mitigation and follow-up program that will be applied to the BEPCo project. Environment Canada (EC) concurs with the representation of the issues as discussed.

As an expert federal authority, EC recognizes that commitments have been made to help ensure that conclusions set out in the Comprehensive Study Report are respected. We look forward to opportunities to work with the CNSOPB in implementing the necessary mitigation and follow-up program as it pertains to EC expertise. Under the terms of the existing Memorandum of Understanding, we also look forward to working with the CNSOPB in the ongoing investigation of opportunities to continuously improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the environmental assessment (EA) process as it is applied to offshore projects. To that end, your commitment to engage us in an examination of how information requirements, which are pertinent to EA and other regulatory processes (e.g., chemical use), could be satisfied in a concurrent or integrated manner, is appreciated.

Yours truly,



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