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Dear Ms Vardy:

Re: CEAA Review of ENCana Corporation's Project Description for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2006, and project description for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project.

The requirement for a provincial environment assessment is based on whether the proposed project involves either of the following onshore activities:

1. An onshore pipeline 5 km or more in length, excluding a pipeline of any length carrying natural gas with a maximum operating pressure below 500 psig (3450 kPa), water, steam or domestic wastewater.
2. An enterprise, activity, project or structure or work which disrupts 2 ha or more of any wetland.

We have reviewed the project description in order to determine our regulatory responsibilities. However, from the information provided we were unable to determine the onshore pipeline length and pressures, and any potential impacts to wetlands. We would, therefore, appreciate written clarification on this.

Should you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (902) 424-3960, fax (902) 424-0503, or e-mail at macphahf@gov.ns.ca.

Yours truly,

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