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Dear Mr. Wruck,

**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission: An Inquiry into Gasoline and Diesel Prices in British Columbia ~ Project No. 1599007
Oral Workshop Questions**

We are in receipt of your letter of July 10, 2019 outlining the questions the Panel intends to ask specific interveners. We would like to draw to your attention the need for a correction to **Question 3B, Trans Mountain capacity utilization**, posed to the NEB.

Question 3B states: Allan & Eliesen state Trans Mountain has had capacity to deliver refined product to the BC market—but it was not used. Further Allan & Eliesen state “analysis... reveals that the capacity on Trans Mountain is 400,000 barrels a day, falling to 300,000 barrels a day only if 20 percent of the capacity is taken up by heavy oil. Trans Mountain rarely ships 20 percent heavy crude and therefore capacity is generally greater than 300,000 barrels a day.” Allan & Eliesen depict NEB data showing that the volume of refined products via TMPL has declined in recent years. Allan & Eliesen also claim there were 97000 barrels a day of TMPL capacity in the **1st Quarter of 2019** which was not used. (Emphasis added).

It is requested that the Commission correct the question to read ‘**in the Month of March 2019**’ rather than ‘in the 1st Quarter of 2019’ as the Allan & Eliesen report states: “In March 2019, as much as 97,000 barrels a day of capacity on Trans Mountain was available according to Trans Mountain documents filed with the NEB.”

For clarity, there was excess capacity available in both January and February but not as much as in March. The March figure was arrived at by taking the capacity available when 2 percent heavy oil is shipped against the capacity that was utilized based on Table 3 from the Allan & Eliesen Report (which is reproduced from Trans Mountain’s 2010 ITS documents filed with the NEB) against capacity utilized, according to data from the NEB Pipeline Profiles.

Sincerely,

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