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BCUC INQUIRY INTO GASOLINE AND DIESEL PRICES IN BC EXHIBIT A-34

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**Re: British Columbia Utilities Commission – An Inquiry into Gasoline and Diesel Prices in British Columbia
– Project No. 1599007 – Panel Information Request No. 1 to Suncor Energy**

Dear Ms. Oleniuk:

Further to Suncor Energy's submission of additional intervener evidence dated September 24, 2019, please find enclosed British Columbia Utilities Commission Panel Information Request No. 1. In accordance with the regulatory timetable established by BCUC Order G-216-19, please file your response no later than **Friday October 4, 2019**.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Patrick Wruck
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British Columbia Utilities Commission
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PANEL INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1 TO SUNCOR ENERGY

**1.0 Reference: Exhibit C2-15, p. 3
Vancouver Wharves Terminal**

On page 3, Suncor Energy (Suncor) states:

Third parties, other than the Oil Companies, have invested in terminals in B.C. For example, the Vancouver Wharves Terminal was developed in 2009 and is owned by Kinder Morgan Canada and leased by Idemitsu. This terminal is located in North Vancouver and brings diesel and biodiesel into Western Canada.

- 1.1 Please confirm, or otherwise explain, that Vancouver Wharves Terminal facility capacity is contracted partially for import diesel volumes sold within BC and to non-industrial users.
 - 1.1.1 If confirmed, please provide details of the import diesel volumes sold within BC and to non-industrial customers.
- 1.2 Please explain whether Vancouver Wharves Terminal is permitted to handle gasoline.
 - 1.2.1 If so, please provide details of the import gasoline volumes sold within BC.

**2.0 Reference: Exhibit C2-15, p. 3
Ashcroft Terminal**

On page 3, Suncor states:

A second example is the Ashcroft Terminal located near Kamloops which has supplemented interior B.C. demand for many customers, including parties other than the Oil Companies. This facility moves numerous products, including gasoline.

- 2.1 For the Ashcroft Terminal, please provide the following information:
 - 2.1.1 Is it a Primary or Bulk Terminal? If the former, does it have blending capability?
 - 2.1.2 What is the capacity?
 - 2.1.3 When was it built?
 - 2.1.4 Who is the owner?
- 2.2 Please list the products, in addition to gasoline, that this facility handles.
 - 2.2.1 Who owns the products moving through this facility?
 - 2.2.2 Where do the products come from?
 - 2.2.3 Please describe how products move through this facility.

**3.0 Reference: Exhibit C2-15, p. 3
Transloading Facilities**

On page 3, Suncor states:

In addition, in the last 10 years, with the addition of biofuels, the barriers of entry have also seemingly decreased with the presence of new transloading facilities across Canada. These transloading facilities have become a mainstay in the finished product industry and, although primarily used to support the biofuels industry, they are not restricted in doing so, as they often have the ability to move gasoline and diesel as well.

- 3.1 Please indicate how many transloading facilities exist across Canada and provide the breakdown by province and by owner.
- 3.2 If any such facility exists in BC, please describe how they support the movement of gasoline and diesel in BC.
- 3.3 Do the new transloading facilities in Canada have blending capabilities? Please explain.
- 3.4 Please explain the permitting process and the estimated capacity of these transloading facilities. How much volume (and in percentage of total demand) will these facilities serve in BC? Please provide supporting evidence.