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British Columbia Utilities Commission  
Suite 410, 900 Howe Street  
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File No.: 4.2.7(2021)

Attention: Patrick Wruck  
Commission Secretary

Dear Mr. Wruck:

**Re: Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd.  
Application for Approval of the 2019 Franchise Agreement between  
Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. and the City of Fort St. John  
Response to BCUC Request for Confirmation of Provisions in Revised Agreement**

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On April 1, 2021, the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) issued a letter to Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. (PNG(NE)) seeking confirmation of certain provisions contained in the revised draft of the 2019 Franchise Agreement (Proposed 2019 Franchise Agreement) between PNG and the City of Fort St. John (the City) that was submitted in response to BCUC Order G-307-20.

In its letter, the BCUC made clear that Order G-307-20 did not specify the BCUC's disapproval of the requirement in clause 8.1(b) of the Proposed 2019 Franchise Agreement that provides an obligation on PNG(NE) regarding removal of works at the request of the City. Rather, the BCUC observed that Order G-307-20 was limited to disallowing the City from recovering the costs of such removal.

PNG(NE) and the City have given consideration to the clarification provided by the BCUC on clause 8.1(b) and hereby advise that no further changes are desired to the draft of the Proposed 2019 Franchise Agreement submitted to the BCUC on February 23, 2021.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to my attention.

Yours truly,

*Original on file signed by:*

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cc: Janet Prestley, Director of Legislative and Administrative Services City of Fort St. John