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To whom it may concern:

RE: Consultation Draft of Phase One Regulations

I am pleased to invite you to review a consultation draft of the phase one regulations that would replace the Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 1995. This consultation draft is available on the First Nations Gazette website at www.fng.ca.

Indian Oil and Gas Canada (IOGC) is the federal regulatory body responsible for the management and administration of oil and gas resources located on First Nation reserve lands across Canada. These phase one regulations follow previous amendments made in 2009 to the Indian Oil and Gas Act (IOGAct, 2009). Although passed by Parliament, the amendments to the IOGAct, 2009 are not yet in force but are available on the Department of Justice website at www.laws.justice.gc.ca. It is the intention that both the legislative and regulatory amendments will come into force concurrently in the fall of 2018.

The phase one regulations are intended to modernize the oil and gas regime on First Nation lands in Canada by enhancing transparency and efficiency measures while maintaining a certain level of involvement and flexibility for First Nations. The phase one regulations focus on 1) drainage and compensatory royalty; 2) sub-surface tenure; 3) First Nations' audit; 4) royalty reporting requirements; and 5) updating the 1995 regulations to make them compatible with the IOGAct, 2009. For further information on this process or the phase two regulations, visit www.iogc.gc.ca.

A consultation draft was circulated to oil and gas companies operating on First Nation lands in May 2015 and numerous comments were received and considered. At the same time, IOGC was working in close collaboration with First Nations and this resulted in significant changes. These changes are included in the consultation draft.

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If you would like further information on this consultation draft or on the IOG Act, 2009, please contact IOGC by email at contactIOGC@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

In the coming months, this consultation draft will be pre-published in Part I of the Canada Gazette. I will notify you when this occurs as this will be your opportunity to formally submit comments.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated participation.

Sincerely,


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