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Dear agency chair:

Re: Draft potential conditions for Milton Logistics Hub

On behalf of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, I am writing to reaffirm our support for CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub project and provide feedback on the draft conditions. We previously provided input on this project through a letter of support and participation in the panel hearing process last year.

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is the federal agency responsible for managing the lands and waters that make up the Port of Vancouver, Canada's largest port. Home to 27 major terminals, the Port of Vancouver handles a diverse range of cargo that connects Canada with over 170 economies around the world – generating approximately $240 billion in goods, 115,000 jobs, $7 billion in wages, and $11.9 billion in GDP.

As a Canada Port Authority, we support national trade objectives for the benefit of all Canadians by providing the necessary marine, road and infrastructure projects that enable port terminal operators to move goods safely in and out of the region. Partners like CN play a critical role in the supply chain and provide services that enable the use of on-dock rail facilities to load and unload cargo for transportation to key markets, supporting the efficient movement of cargo to and from the port.

Forecasted increases in demand for container trade through western Canada indicate the need for additional capacity along the supply chain, both for marine terminals and inland transportation hubs. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is taking measures to address this through developments like the terminal expansion at Centerm on Vancouver's south shore, and the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project in Delta, B.C.

In addition to port terminal expansions, the expected increase in cargo flow to and from Canadian ports will require inland infrastructure for the effective transportation of goods to key markets domestically and internationally. CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub project will address this need and help support Canada's economy by strengthening the transportation network in southern Ontario to serve Canada's most populous region and the economic activity it generates. For Canada to remain competitive in the global container trade industry, we require projects like the Milton Logistics Hub to help us meet demand and continue to provide benefits to Canadian businesses and consumers.

We have reviewed the project conditions and consider them to be sufficiently comprehensive to address potential community and environmental issues. However, we ask that these conditions be finalized in a manner that ensures the supply chain can flow effectively across the country and that the project can be developed quickly, without delay.

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We hope you will consider our comments on this important project that will help Canada continue to develop a reliable and consistent supply chain, and bolster our nation's competitiveness, especially as our economy emerges from the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Regards,

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