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Subject: RE: Request to Comments on draft EIS Guidelines for the Kitimat Clean Refinery Project
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Quincy,

Thank you for the invitation to provide comments on the EIS guidelines for the Kitimat Clean Project.

Typically before a project kicks off, we would have met with the proponent to learn about the project, define initial terms of engagement and begin conversations around capacity funding. As we are an allocated community, our ability to provide staff to review a project relies on the proponent to provide funds for us to complete critical reviews and assessments. The initial meeting process is critical for us as it provides us with an introduction to the type of proponent that we are dealing with and it gives us a sense that we might begin engaging in good faith on a project, with very limited funds, while a capacity funding agreement is worked out. Despite us sending a meeting invitation to the proponent, the proponent has not reached out to us.

As such, we will not be able to engage on the review of any components of this project until the proponent can make the commitment to us that funds will be provided to engage in this process. We do expect that we will have the opportunity to engage in the process to the fullest level, including reviewing the EIS guidelines, and would expect that the deadline be delayed until we have that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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