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Subject: Pacific Future Energy Refinery Project Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2016 on behalf of Douglas Channel Watch concerning the environmental assessment process for the Pacific Future Energy Refinery Project (the Project) proposed by the Pacific Future Energy Corporation (the proponent). Your letter outlines your concerns with respect to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) guidelines and requests an extension to the public comment period in light of the proponent's Addendum to the Project dated September 28, 2016.

Aided by comments, concerns and other input from EcoJustice, Indigenous groups, and other members of the public, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) amended the EIS Guidelines to include two additional matters that are outside the care and control of the proponent yet relevant to the environmental assessment. These additional matters are included in the final EIS Guidelines pursuant to paragraph 19(1)(j) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). They are:

1. the potential environmental effects of technically and economically feasible alternatives to transport products from the refinery site to market or for disposal, which includes any potential rail transportation, pipelines and/or marine terminal, including marine shipping; and
2. the potential environmental effects of the transport of raw product and supplies by rail to the refinery, including the environmental effects of potential upgrades to rail access corridors.

These additional matters have been included in order to obtain a complete understanding of the environmental effects of the refinery, and any effects that may be associated with both receiving and transporting product to/from the refinery. Details on these additional matters can be found in section 7 of the attached final EIS Guidelines.

The Agency provided the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines to Pacific Future Energy Corporation on December 12, 2016. The final EIS Guidelines are posted on the public registry as document #75, which is available at this link: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80127>.

Please note that the Agency will provide additional opportunities for input throughout the environmental assessment process, including on the draft terms of reference for the review



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panel. The draft terms of reference will outline the details of the Project being reviewed, including options to transport products from the refinery site to market or for disposal. Should you have any input at that time with respect to the options for transporting product to/from the refinery, the Agency would like to hear your thoughts. Should any information received during the public review of the draft terms of reference lead the Agency to believe there should be additional changes to the final EIS Guidelines, such changes will be considered at that time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at brett.maracle@ceaa-acee.gc.ca or by telephone at <contact information removed>.

Yours sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Cc: Tracy James – British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office

Attachment:

- Final Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement – Pacific Future Energy Refinery Project