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Subject: Natural Resources Canada's Submission of the FAAR Request for the Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project

On April 28th, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) requested that Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) review FortisBC Holdings Inc.'s (the Proponent) Initial Project Description for the proposed Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project (the Project) in Delta, British Columbia.

NRCan has reviewed the Proponent's Initial Project Description based on the Department's requirements pursuant to Subsection 13(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*. Please find attached below NRCan's submission for this stage of the review process.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at anica.madzarevic@canada.ca.

Thank you,

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ATTACHMENT: April 28, 2020
Federal Authority Advice Record
Response due by May 15, 2020

Please submit the form to: *IAAC.TilburyLNG-GNL.Tilbury.AEIC@canada.ca*
Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project – FortisBC Holdings Inc.
Agency File: 005724

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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

Based on the Initial Project Description, it is unlikely that NRCan will be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed.

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

NRCan is in possession of expertise related to seismic hazards that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

No

4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

NRCAN has met with FortisBC on several occasions, where they have outlined the Tilbury LNG Phase 2 expansion project and how it ties into their broader domestic gas supply and liquefied natural gas (LNG) export objectives. They have described the project's broad economics and the timeline for moving the project toward final investment decision.

5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?

No

6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?

In relation to NRCAN's mandate and areas of expertise, a seismic hazard assessment should be conducted. Issues related to seismic activity, including liquefaction and other relevant hazards, should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project.

Name of Departmental / Agency Responder

Anica Madzarevic

Title of Responder

Impact Assessment Officer

Date

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