

Sept. 29, 2023

My Sea to Sky

Via email to: tracey@myseatosky.org , rhiannon@myseatosky.org , eoin@myseatosky.org

Dear Tracey Saxby,

The British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) received comments from My Sea to Sky, Jun. 16, 2023 and Aug. 4, 2023, respecting the effluent Environmental Management Act (EMA) Section 14 waste discharge permit application submitted by FortisBC (Fortis) for the Eagle Mountain Pipeline Project in Squamish, B.C. The Eagle Mountain Pipeline Project is authorized under an Environmental Assessment Certificate issued by the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office and activity permits issued by the BCER under the Energy Resource Activities Act (ERAA).

Fortis has been directed to undertake an additional 30-day public notification period respecting the permit application. We understand from Fortis this new 30-day notification period is expected to be initiated in the near future and completed before Dec. 15, 2023.

We note there are two specific effluent discharge points associated with the Eagle Mountain waste discharge permit application (PE 110163, TN #388298), noted as follows:

- Effluent discharge location at the B.C. Rail Site
- Effluent discharge location at the Woodfibre Site

Respecting a waste discharge application, the decision maker may issue a temporary (up to 15 months) Approval under Section 15 of the EMA. For the [B.C. Rail Site discharge \(B.C. Rail Properties Ltd. storm sewer outfall located at 49.7261 N, - 123.1646 W\)](#) of the Eagle Mountain Pipeline waste discharge application, the BCER has made a decision to issue a Section 15 Approval, effective Sept. 29, 2023, for a period of 15 months. The issuance of a temporary Approval under the EMA will enable construction timelines for the permitted activities and provide for consideration of comments heard through the additional 30-day notification period to inform the EMA Section 14 Permit decision.

You are receiving this letter of notification of the issuance of the Approval as required by the EMA [Public Notification Regulation](#). A copy of the Approval is attached for your records.

The Approval stipulates many operational conditions, including specific requirements for environmental sampling and monitoring over the Approval period. Should a permit be issued in the future (under Section 14 of the EMA), the Approval would be cancelled, and the Permit conditions would apply. Fortis has indicated the data collected pursuant to the Approval and any future permit conditions will be made publicly available on their website: [Eagle Mountain-Woodfibre Gas Pipeline Project | Talking Energy](#)

We would be pleased to arrange an information session if you are interested in learning more about environmental management under BCER's regulatory mandate.

Thank you,



Sean Curry
Vice President, Responsible Development & Stewardship
BC Energy Regulator

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