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Ms Shelly Boss Project Manager, Prairie and Northern Region Canadian Environment Assessment Agency Government of Canada Canada Place 9700 Jasper Avenue, Suite 1145 Edmonton, AB T5J 4C3

Dear Ms Boss:

Subject: SPRINGBANK OFF-STREAM RESERVOIR PROJECT RESUBMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

On October 17, 2017, Alberta Transportation applied to the Alberta Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) under Section 5 of *Natural Resources Conservation Board Act* for approval to construct and operate the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project (the Project). Alberta Transportation also applied to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) for approval by the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

On November 16, 2017 Alberta Transportation received correspondence from the CEA Agency, requesting additional information be provided within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to achieve conformity with the Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* for the Springbank Offstream Reservoir Project, issued to Alberta Transportation on August 10, 2016.

This updated EIS, dated March 2018, incorporates all additional information requested by the CEA Agency. The EIS includes a concordance table, Volume 1, indicating location in the EIS of the additional information requested by the CEA Agency.

Alberta Transportation also received correspondence from the CEA Agency on December 19, 2017 – Annex 2: Early Technical Issues and Advice to the Proponent. Alberta Transportation will be responding to Annex 2 under separate cover by end April 2018.

Sincerely,

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Landon Reppert, P.Eng. Executive Director

attachments

cc: Bill Kennedy, NRCB Meghan Jurijew, Alberta Environment and Parks