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Dear Mr. Duckett:

**Plains Midstream Canada ULC (Plains)  
Board Order SO-P384-004-2011  
Approval of Third Party Independent Pipeline Integrity Expert and  
Fitness-for-Service Milestones and Deliverables Schedule**

In response to Plains' letter dated 28 October 2011, the Board approves Plains' proposal to contract Robert (Bob) Coote as a third-party independent pipeline integrity expert to review the Fitness-for-Service (FFS) assessment as required by condition 5 of Board Order SO-P384-004-2011 (Order).

The Board has reviewed Plains' proposed "Fitness-for-Service Milestones and Deliverables Schedule" as revised in Plains' filing dated 28 October 2011 and finds that the milestones and deliverables are consistent with the requirements of the Order. However, the Board has made certain changes to the proposed schedule. The first change is to meet "with the NEB" rather than "with S.15 [Section 15 of the *National Energy Board Act*] Board Member" under items 5, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14. The Board notes that either Board Member Vergette or Board staff will meet with Plains.

The second revision is to remove specific dates for items 3, 4 and 7 when Board approval was requested by Plains.

The last revision provides some flexibility to the dates for items 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16. The date, time and location for these items can be determined informally approximately one week prior to the actual meeting or presentation.

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In compliance with condition 6 of Board Order SO-P384-004-2011, the Board approves the revised schedule as attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Joshwa Minhas, Engineer – Integrity Management at 403-299-3674 or Nadia McCarthy, Engineer – Integrity Management at 403-221-3008.

Yours truly,



Anne-Marie Erickson  
Secretary of the Board

Attachment

## **Fitness-for-Service Milestones and Deliverables Schedule**

1. Further submission<sup>1</sup> of third party independent pipeline integrity expert to the Board – 28 October 2011
2. Revised submission<sup>1</sup> of FFS milestones and deliverables schedule to the Board – 28 October 2011
3. Board approval of third party independent pipeline integrity expert
4. Board approval of FFS milestones and deliverables schedule
5. Meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – beginning of November 2011
6. Submission of FFS Terms of Reference to the Board – 15 November 2011
7. Board approval of FFS Terms of Reference
8. Progress meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – mid-December 2011
9. Progress meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – mid-January 2012
10. Progress meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – mid-February 2012
11. Completion of FFS Assessment – 29 February 2012
12. Progress meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – mid-March 2012
13. Completion of third-party review of FFS Assessment – 31 March 2012
14. Progress meeting with the NEB and Plains Senior Management – beginning of April 2012
15. Submission of FFS assessment and third party expert report – 15 April 2012
16. Presentation of Final report findings – beginning of May 2012

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<sup>1</sup> Original submission dated 21 October 2011