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**Re: Pembina Pipeline Corporation
Fox Creek to Namao Pipeline Expansion Project
AER Decision 2016 ABAER 004 – Condition #3
Green Area Vegetation Management Control Plan**

Dear Mr. Miles:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of the Green Area Vegetation Management Plan (the Plan) filed by Pembina Pipeline Corporation (Pembina) on August 12, 2016.

The Decision 2016 ABAER 004 (the Decision) hearing panel (the panel) has reviewed the Plan as contemplated by Condition #3 (the Condition) of the Decision.

The Condition set by the panel in Appendix 2 of the Decision is:

Pembina must submit an updated Green Area vegetation management control plan to the panel for review within 120 days of this decision. In this plan, Pembina must assess opportunities to minimize the extent of post-construction, ongoing vegetation control to maintain line of sight for monitoring in the Green Area... Such opportunities might include use of drones or other evolving technologies, where appropriate, with a goal of allowing as much of the [right of way] as is practicable to revegetate given the requirement to be able to visually monitor the line. Following receipt and review of this plan, the panel will either accept it as filed as a condition of the authorization or provide Pembina with further direction.

The panel is satisfied that the Plan meets the intent of the Condition. Since public safety and protection of the environment are priorities for the AER and for Pembina, the panel directs that if Pembina becomes concerned that the Plan is impeding safe pipeline operations, in particular its ability to monitor the right of way for spills, Pembina is to submit a revised plan to the AER for consideration at any time it deems

appropriate. To be clear, any revision to the Plan to address safety or environmental protection concerns need not be submitted to the panel for review and approval.

In addition, though not required, the panel requests that Pembina provide three assessments of the effectiveness of the Plan, for information purposes only, to the AER. The panel requests that starting at year two in the first growing season after completing construction and then in year five and year ten, Pembina file assessments with the AER, that include photographs, of a variety of representative sites along the right of way specifically including angled connectors and access points as described in the Plan. The assessments should include descriptions of any observed effects on right of way use by wildlife and people or on the local ecosystem as well as a description of any challenges posed, if any, for the safe and efficient maintenance and operation of the pipeline. The assessments should be submitted to aerlands.northcentralregion@aer.ca (or another appropriate address if this one becomes obsolete), and copied to hearing.services@aer.ca.

The panel accepts the Plan as filed as a condition of the authorization set out in the Decision, and considers the Condition to be satisfied.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at ashley.garbe@aer.ca, or 403-592-4089.

Sincerely,



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