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**RE: TransCanada Pipelines Limited (“TransCanada”)
White Spruce Pipeline Project (“Project”)
Proceeding ID 353**

Dear Counsel:

The panel has reviewed the scheduling submissions of TransCanada and Fort McKay First Nation and determined that a written hearing process with oral final argument will take place in regards to this proceeding. The panel acknowledges that the McMurray Métis Local 1935 has withdrawn from this proceeding.

The panel establishes the following schedule for this proceeding:

- The AER may ask questions of the parties at any point in the process. Responses to any AER questions will be due 5 business days after receipt.
- August 1, 2017 - TransCanada – evidence and submissions
- August 11, 2017 - Fort McKay First Nation - information request (IR)
- August 18, 2017 or earlier - TransCanada – IR responses
 - Recognizing the August time constraints of counsel for Fort McKay First Nation, the panel has provided time from August 18 to September 1, 2017 for any clarification questions directly between the parties. The panel expects that parties will ask and answer questions expeditiously.
- September 1, 2017 – Fort McKay First Nation - deadline for motions about the adequacy of IR responses, if necessary
- September 15, 2017 – Fort McKay First Nation - evidence and submissions
- September 22, 2017 or earlier – TransCanada - reply submissions

- Close of evidence – date to be determined by the hearing panel
- Following close of evidence the Aboriginal Consultation Office (ACO), at its discretion, may provide an ACO hearing report
- Final oral argument following ACO filing – location and date to be determined

A notice of scheduling of hearing will be issued to the parties forthwith.

Sincerely,

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