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Via Email:

Dear Ms. Anderson and Mr. Mather:

RE: Tilbury Phase 2 LNG Expansion Project Environmental/Impact Assessment (the
"Assessment")

FortisBC Holdings Inc. ("FortisBC")

In consideration of the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the relevant statutes, we are writing to request an extension / suspension of the Early Engagement period of the Assessment, which commenced on February 27, 2020.

As this is a joint Provincial and Federal assessment:

- a) Section 38 of the *British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act, 2018* provides that an extension may be granted by the Minister or Chief Executive Assessment Officer under appropriate circumstances. We request that the Early Engagement period be extended from 90 days to 120 days; and
- b) the *Impact Assessment Act, 2019* provides that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada may grant a suspension. We request that the Early Engagement period prior to the public comment be suspended for a period of 30 days in the Federal timeline.

This extension/suspension will allow all participants sufficient time to respond to this emergency and ensure meaningful engagement and feedback from the public, governments, Indigenous groups, regulators and FortisBC personnel for this phase of the Assessment. FortisBC will continue to work with both the British Columbia Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment agencies and re-assess the impact of the COVID-19 situation on this phase of the Assessment in the coming days and weeks.

Thank you for your consideration in facilitating this phase of the Assessment.

Respectfully,



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