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Planning Services Manager and Aden Fulford Peace River Regional District 1981 Alaska Avenue Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Dear Planning Services Manager and Aden Fulford:

Please find enclosed the referral package for the proposed issuance of a storage reservoir licence to NorthRiver Midstream. This information is being provided to you for your review and comment.

A storage reservoir licence, issued under section 130 of the PNG Act, provides the tenure holder a licence to access, develop or use a storage reservoir to store or dispose of certain substances, such as natural gas, carbon dioxide, or disposal water related to the production of petroleum or natural gas. The storage reservoir licence can specify which substances are authorized for storage or disposal under that particular licence.

In some cases, the intent may be to permanently sequester the substance (for example, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or to safely dispose of waste). In other cases, the intent may be to temporarily store and eventually recover the substance (for example, to ensure a reliable supply of natural gas).

Acquiring a storage reservoir licence does not provide the right to conduct any storage or disposal related surface activities, nor does it provide any surface rights to the tenured area. Such activities and associated rights are subject to the regulatory application, permitting and consultation processes conducted by the BC Energy Regulator (BCER).

Applications for storage reservoir licences are required to include detailed information for the Ministry to assess. This includes but is not limited to information regarding the proposed substance to be stored or disposed (type, source, volume), geological character and suitability of the proposed storage reservoir and confinement mechanism, and descriptions of proposed work relating to accessing, developing, and using the storage reservoir. Proposed activities may change and would be subject to approval by the BCER. The Ministry must evaluate applications for completeness and consider a variety of geological and other factors, and will only move to the referral process if satisfied of application suitability.

The initial term of a storage reservoir licence is 15 years. After the initial term, a storage



reservoir licence may be extended for period of 2 years or less on one or more occasions, or renewed for a period of 15 years.

For more information about Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and the storage licence permitting process, please review the links found on page 3.

This referral package includes:

- Parcel where comments are requested (please refer to page 3).
- Detailed referral map
- GIS files can be found on the BC Storage Reservoir Webpage: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-gas-oil/petroleum-natural-gas-tenure/storage-reservoir">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-gas-oil/petroleum-natural-gas-tenure/storage-reservoir</a>

Your response can be submitted to the Tenure and Resource Stewardship Branch by email to <a href="mailto:PNGreferral@gov.bc.ca">PNGreferral@gov.bc.ca</a>. To meet target timelines for this proposed issuance, we ask that you provide any comments you might have no later than May 24, 2024. The Province will be proceeding to a decision on the proposed parcel after that date.

If you require further information or are unable to meet the above deadline, please contact me by phone at (250) 952-7712 or by email at <a href="mailto:PNGreferral@gov.bc.ca">PNGreferral@gov.bc.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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## List of parcels where comments are requested:

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## Additional Information on the Crown Subsurface Rights Issuance Process and Carbon Capture and Storage can be found online at the following links:

Oil and Gas Titles main page: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-gasoil/petroleum-natural-gas-tenure

iMapBC (to view existing tenure): <a href="https://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/imap4m/">https://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/imap4m/</a>

iPS Web (to look up tenure details): https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/ipsweb/mainPage.html

CCS 101 presentation: https://youtu.be/Vw 6IT8tdvc?si=oa4cKFNgbrhpeYwx

BC Storage Reservoir Webpage: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/naturalgas-oil/petroleum-natural-gas-tenure/storage-reservoir

Guidance for Obtaining and Utilizing Subsurface Tenure for

Carbon Dioxide Storage: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-

and-industry/natural-gas-oil/png-crown-

sale/publications/guidetosubsurfacetenureforcarbondioxidestorage.pdf



