

made a joint Statement of Intention to work to develop a financing plan for the Alaskan segment with the object of completing construction by the end of 1985; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)* that it is the sense of Congress that the System remains an essential part of securing this nation's energy future and, as such, enjoys the highest level of Congressional support for its expeditious construction and completion by the end of 1985.

OTTAWA, K1A 0A2  
March 12, 1980

Mr. Jimmy Carter,  
President of the United States of America.

Dear Jimmy,

Two and a half years ago, representatives of our two governments signed the agreement on principles for a northern natural gas pipeline project. The pipeline offers substantial economic advantages to both our countries and provides the United States with access to Alaskan gas. The Canadian Government remains committed to the pipeline and I know from statements you made when we last met March 3 1979 in Washington, and since, that the United States Administration remains determined that the project proceed as quickly as possible.

The lack of progress on the financing of the Alaska portion of the line is, however, a cause for concern. Failure to establish a basis to assure the financeability of the Alaska portion will lead to delays that could jeopardize the entire project.

For some time now efforts have been directed to beginning construction of the pipeline in the south, rather than in Alaska as was originally intended, the so-called "pre-build" concept. Hearings are under way before the National Energy Board in Canada and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the United States to authorize construction of these pre-build sections to carry Alberta gas to United States markets prior to the completion of the line and the arrival of Alaska gas. Both governments have expressed support for the pre-build concept. However, the Canadian Government cannot, under the Northern Pipeline Act, authorize the construction of any part of the line, including pre-build, until it is assured that the entire line will be completed.

The Foothills Company, owner of the pipeline in Canada, has expressed, to our government and to yours, grave concern about the delays and is reluctant to invest more money until the uncertainties are resolved. Failure to resolve the Alaska financing promptly could add more than a year's delay to the construction of the pre-build sections and, therefore, could conceivably lead to the indefinite postponement of the whole project.

I know that you will continue your efforts to resolve this serious problem standing in the way of the pipeline project.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed: Pierre E. Trudeau)

P.C. 1980-1969  
17 July, 1980

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on the recommendation of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the National Energy Board Act, is pleased hereby to approve the variations in Licence No. GL-56 by:

(1) deleting the phrase "at a place on the international boundary line between Canada and the United States of America near Emerson, in the Province of Manitoba" where it occurs therein and substituting therefor the phrase "at places on the international boundary line between Canada and the United States of America near Monchy, in the Province of Saskatchewan and near Emerson, in the Province of Manitoba".

(2) adding the following condition:

"8. Of the total quantity of gas authorized for export during each of the periods specified in condition 2, the quantity of gas that may be exported near Monchy, Saskatchewan, shall not exceed:

(a) for the period commencing on the 1st day of November, 1981, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1982, 2,613,700 cubic metres in any one day, or 954,000,000 cubic metres in the period;

(b) for the period commencing on the 1st day of November, 1982, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1985, 4,849,400 cubic metres in any one day, or 1,770,000,000 cubic metres in any consecutive twelve-month period ending on the 31st day of October;

(c) for the period commencing on the 1st day of November, 1985, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1986, 4,249,200 cubic metres in any one day, or 1,550,000,000 cubic metres in the period;

(d) for the period commencing on the 1st day of November, 1986, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1987, 2,124,600 cubic metres in any one day, or 775,000,000 cubic metres in the period, or

(e) for the six year period commencing on the 1st day of November, 1981, and ending on the 31st day of October, 1987, 7,648,500,000 cubic metres in the period."

P.C. 1980-1968  
17 July, 1980

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on the recommendation of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, pursuant to subsection 17(2) of the National Energy Board Act, and section 8 of the National Energy Board Part VI Regulations, is pleased hereby to approve the following: