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On behalf of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA), I am writing in the context of the upcoming Canadian Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference in Kananaskis. The Canadian pipeline industry supports initiatives that promote national strategic discussions on energy matters. We see this event as an essential step in the formulation of a national energy strategy for Canada.

Transmission pipelines are critical energy infrastructure that connects energy producing regions to consuming markets. In an increasingly competitive global market to access energy resources, it is incumbent upon Canada, which is blessed with natural resources, to develop a framework that would allow Canadian energy companies and resources to remain competitive in the global market place.

CEPA's support for a national energy strategy is based on the fundamental belief that Canada should view its energy resources as a strategic asset. These resources should receive the best possible value in the market for the benefit of Canada and her Provinces. The strategy should also reflect the underlying attribute of the Canadian economy that we are a trading nation with unique regional interests and sensibilities; and that trade generates the wealth that supports Canadians' quality of life and social infrastructure.

We also see the strategy positioning innovation, regulation, GHG emission reduction and energy efficiency as key components of Canadian excellence.

Of particular importance to the Canadian pipeline industry is the need for government to implement in a timely manner regulatory reforms that will improve coordination between and within governments, establish more timely and effective project review processes that are competitive with the best that exist in countries we sell to and compete with, render balanced decisions by integrating environmental, economic and social concerns, create more accountability and transparency of government and develop more effective crown consultation on aboriginal matters.

CEPA looks forward to these important discussions and plan to be a major supporter and participant in this process.

Sincerely,



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