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By Fax and Courier

December 31, 2001

National Energy Board 444 Seventh Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0X8

Attention: Mr. Michel Mantha

Dear Sir;

Re: Paramount Transmission Ltd. Cameron Hills Pipeline and Fuel Gas Pipeline – Response to IR No. 7

Attached is Paramount Transmission Ltd.'s ("PTL") response to the National Energy Board's ("NEB") Information Request No. 7 dated December 7, 2001.

The reference, preamble, and request from the NEB's document have been reiterated and PTL's response follows these paragraphs.

If there are any other information that you require then please contact the undersigned at (403) 290-3696.

Yours truly,

PARAMOUNT TRANSMISSION LTD.

Tom Hong, Project Manager

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Traditional Knowledge Study

7.1 Reference:

- (i) MVEIRB IR #11 page 51 of 60.
- (ii) Report on Traditional Knowledge Studies for the Cameron Hills, NWT, 2001

Preamble:

In the first reference Paramount has made the following commitment: "The draft document for the traditional knowledge (TK) study will be reviewed by the communities to ensure its accuracy. Any changes recommended by the communities will be incorporated into the final TK study. Information from the TK study will be considered in the design and operation of the Project."

Requests:

Please provide confirmation that:

- a) the communities have reviewed the TK study that was filed with the Board on 4 December 2001;
- b) any changes recommended by the communities have been incorporated into this study; and
- c) the information collected for this TK study has been considered in the design and will be considered in the operation of the project.

Response:

a) The information in the Traditional Knowledge ("TK") studies were transcribed on behalf of the communities and distributed to the communities on the dates and to the individuals indicated in the following table. When the studies were delivered, each group indicated that the studies would be reviewed by the Chief and council and/or community members.

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Table 1: TK Study Review

| Band/Community Trapper | Date TK Study Delivered by Paramount | Person In Receipt Of Study | Comments Received By Paramount To Date |
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| Deh Gah Got'ie First Nation and Fort Providence Metis Nation | November 27, 2001 | Joachim Bonnetrouge | Dec 19/01: Chief Gargan stated that to his knowledge the info in the TK is not wrong |
| Dene Tha' First Nation | December 14, 2001 | Baptiste Metchooyeah, Trappers Liaison/Consultation Coordinator | The TK information contained in the Heritage study conducted by Paramount was adequate. This study compliments it. Refer to attached letter. |
| Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation | November 29, 2001 | Chief Lloyd Chicot | Dec 18/01: Chief Chicot confirmed that the TK study is actively being reviewed by community members. |
| K'atlodeeche First Nation | November 28, 2001 | Delivered to Chief Martel | Chief Martel would like to discuss the TK study with Paramount in the new year. Dennis Strang has reviewed and confirmed the TK to be accurate. |
| West Point First Nation | November 29, 2001 | Chief Karen Thomas | Paramount has made several unsuccessful attempts to contact the Chief and band members at the Band office. No comments have been received to date. |

- b) To date, no changes to the TK studies have been recommended by communities.
- c) As stated in the *Document Introduction* section of the *Report on Traditional Knowledge Studies for the Cameron Hills, NWT, 2001*, which was submitted to the National Energy Board on December 3, 2001, "The information and TK that were collected during early discussions with the communities and trappers were incorporated into the project design." "These concerns, and the TK that was provided throughout the 15 months of information gathering, were considered in the planning process, in concert with other environmental and engineering concerns. Additional information obtained through the continued consultation with the communities will be considered into the ongoing operation of the project." "This information, as presented in the

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following separate TK studies, has been, and will continue to be considered during the construction and operations phase of the project as appropriate. Any additional, applicable TK information that is brought forward to Paramount will be considered in the project."

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ATTACHMENT 1

Letter from the Dene Tha' First Nation dated Oct. 4, 2001 re: Heritage Resource Impact Assessment and telephone conversation note re: TK Study