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Attention: Elaine DeBastien

Re: Land Use Permit/ Water License MV2000P0055/MV2000L1-0014, Pipeline Gathering System, Cameron Hills Modified Well Locations

On behalf of Environment Canada I have reviewed the information submitted with the above request The following comments are offered for your consideration pursuant to Section 22 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

It is our understanding that the proponent has requested an amendment to the land use permit MV2000P0055 and Water Licence MV2000L1-0014 to include revisions to the six new wells and their associated tie-ins to the pipeline, as well as, changes to the location of the water disposal well within closer proximity to II-03 Central Battery. Paramount has indicated that these amendments will result in less linear disturbance and fewer water crossings than originally proposed. Environment Canada does not have any specific concerns at this time, on the report entitled "Amendment to the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Gathering System and Facilities Project".

However, Environment Canada is in possession of another report, by Paramount Resources that identifies existing erosion issues along the pipeline right-of-ways and associated mitigation measures. Environment Canada will be reviewing this document and anticipates that any successful mitigation measures identified will be applied to all amendments associated with this file. We are confident that Paramount will operate and consider all recommendations made by Environment Canada in previous letters.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4743 or Paula.Pacholek@ec.gc.ca with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Northern Environmental Assessment Coordinater (cc Stephen Harbicht, Head of Assessment and Monitoring)