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**NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.  
2021 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program  
Notice of Proposed Abandonment  
Subsection 241(1) of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act***

On May 3, 2022, NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) has filed an application with the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (Commission) to abandon 10-meter stations and associated lateral pipelines, four stand-alone meter station and two stand-alone lateral pipelines (the Facilities), all of which are part of the NGTL System (2021 Abandonment Program) pursuant to subsection 241(1) of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*.

The proposed abandonment will involve the abandonment in-place of approximately 149.6 km of pipe ranging between NPS 4 and NPS 12 and the removal of approximately 1.6 km of pipe ranging between NPS 4 and NPS 8, and the removal of 10 meter stations and associated infrastructure (i.e., valves, cathodic protection systems etc.) located throughout Alberta, as shown on the accompanying map. You can find the application on the Canada Energy Regulator's (CER's) website here: <https://apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4246205>.

The Commission expects NGTL has consulted with those who may be potentially affected by an abandonment project to discuss the project activities, abandonment method, mitigation measures, and the discontinuation of service. Information on the Commission's expectations of engagement can be found in Guide B of the Filing Manual ([www.cer-rec.gc.ca/FilingManual](http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/FilingManual)).

You are receiving this notice because you may be affected by the abandonment project. If you anticipate that your lands, rights or interests may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment, you may advise the Commission of your concerns about the proposed abandonment by filing a written statement of opposition or a request for a hearing **within thirty (30) days of from May 13, 2022**. The written statement of opposition or request for hearing must set out the nature of your interest and concerns in relation to the proposed abandonment. A form to use for your statement of opposition or request for a hearing is attached and can also be found at [Templates for public participation](#). Part F of the form includes information on filing your statement of opposition/request for hearing form.

If a statement of opposition or request for hearing is filed with the CER, and is not frivolous or vexatious and is not withdrawn, then the Commission will order that a public hearing be conducted in respect of the abandonment application. In establishing a hearing process, the Commission will consider the nature of the application and the content of any statements of opposition or requests for hearing it receives.

Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) services – such as mediation and facilitation – are available from the CER to help parties resolve disputes outside of the Commission's hearing processes. You can read more about ADR on the CER's website at <http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/en/consultation-engagement/alternative-dispute-resolution/>.

For more information or for any questions, you can contact the CER's Land Matters Advisory Service at 1-800-899-1265 (toll free) or via email at [LMAS@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:LMAS@cer-rec.gc.ca).

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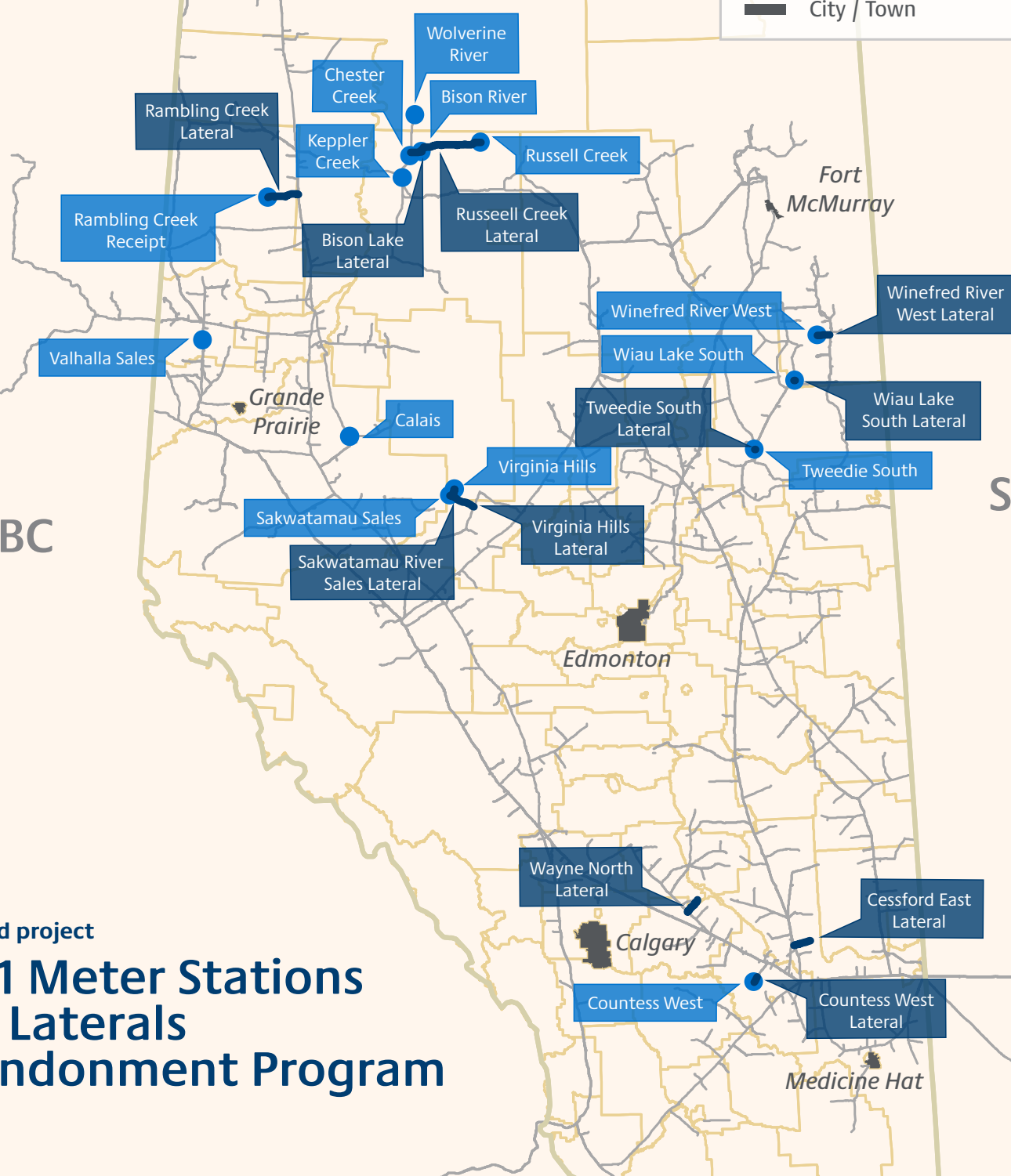
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# 2021 Meter Stations and Laterals Abandonment Program





# Key Terms



**The CER's hearing process is like a court so you may hear some formal terms like:**

**Adjudication:** the CER has court-like powers to make decisions and recommendations that are fair, inclusive, transparent and efficient.

**Commenter:** a hearing participant who shares their views on a proposed project by writing a letter.

**Commission:** refers to one or more Commissioners appointed to make independent decisions on an energy project before the CER. At least one of the full-time Commissioners must be an Indigenous person.

**Hearing order:** a key document published at the beginning of each hearing that gives details on the timing, deadlines, and overall process. It is your map for participating in the hearing.

**Intervenor:** is the most involved way of participating in a hearing. You may provide evidence, including Indigenous knowledge, and ask questions or respond to questions from other participants, including the company.

**Participant Toolbox:** an online resource featuring detailed instructions on how to participate in a hearing.

**Process advisor:** a CER staff member who supports participants throughout the hearing process.

**REGDOCS:** the CER's online repository for all hearing information, often referred to as "the record." Any documents you submit will appear here for anyone to see.



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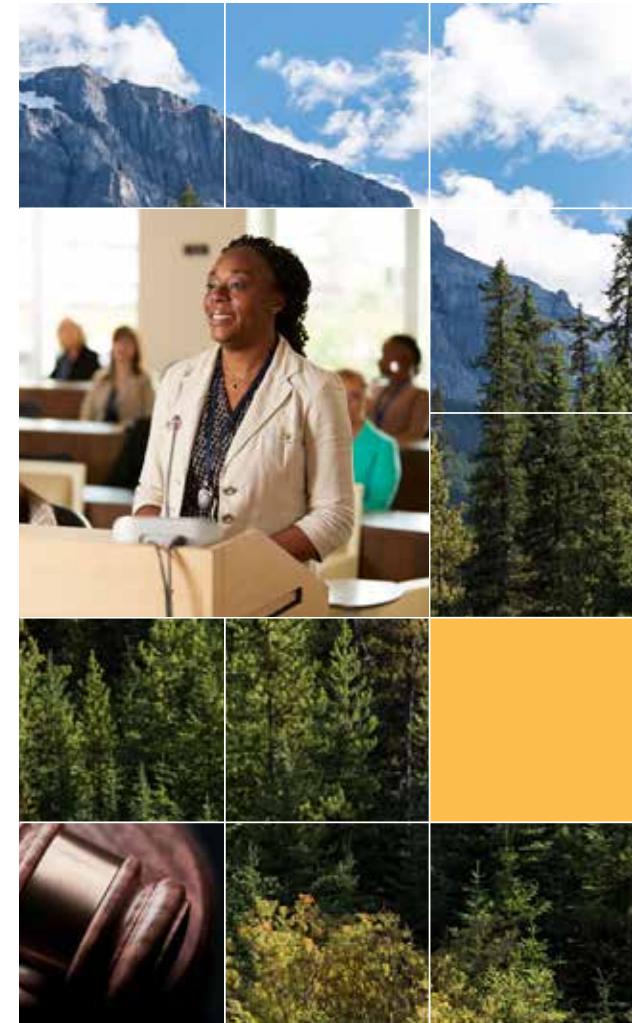
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### Participating in a CER Hearing

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## Participating in a CER Hearing



The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) oversees federally regulated pipelines, power lines, and offshore renewable energy projects.



The CER's Commission holds public hearings for projects that require a certificate, and other projects when appropriate. A hearing is a proceeding before the CER's Commission.

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Explore the topics from this brochure on our website, [www.cer-rec.gc.ca](http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca).

Simply search for the **bolded** words for more information and *italicized* words for forms and templates.



## Public Hearings – have your say



**Before a company can build a federally regulated pipeline, power line, or offshore renewable energy project, it must first apply to the CER. We review and assess the proposed project, including potential impacts to people, property, and the environment. We also examine the company's engagement activities.**

**Many projects are reviewed through the CER's hearing process.**

- **Hearing process:** Each hearing is unique and comes with detailed instructions in the hearing order, including how to **apply to participate**. Learn more about a specific project by visiting the **view applications and projects** and **REGDOCS** pages on our website.
- **Participate in a hearing:** Participating is a personal choice and there are different ways to do so. You can participate as a **commenter** and write a *letter of comment* or participate as an **intervenor** to present evidence and question others on theirs. The best fit for you will depend on your interests, your goals and your availability.

If you participate in a hearing, the CER provides support. You may be eligible for **participant funding** and you will have access to the **Participant Toolbox** and **process advisor support**.



## Participation of Indigenous peoples

**The CER strives to listen to Indigenous peoples, including First Nations, Inuit and Métis, and respect their values and traditions.**

- **Crown consultation:** We will consult with Indigenous peoples early and throughout our review process. The scope and nature of the Crown consultation activities will be tailored to the complexity of the proposed project and its potential effects, and the needs of Indigenous peoples. If you have questions, email [IndigenousMatters@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:IndigenousMatters@cer-rec.gc.ca).
- **Oral Indigenous Knowledge:** We recognize that Indigenous peoples have an oral tradition for sharing knowledge from generation to generation. This information cannot always be shared meaningfully in writing. Indigenous knowledge can provide relevant information to the Commission. **Indigenous Knowledge** can be shared confidentially.



## CER processes in place to help you

- **Land Matters Advisory Service:** If you have questions about land matters with respect to CER-regulated energy projects and processes, email [LMAS@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:LMAS@cer-rec.gc.ca).
- **Alternative dispute resolution:** Any time during the life of a project, if you are unable to resolve concerns directly with the company, you can email [ADR-RED@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:ADR-RED@cer-rec.gc.ca) to ask a specialist to work with you and the company to find solutions.
- **Complaint:** If you are unable to resolve an issue with a CER-regulated company, facility, or activity on lands you use or own, you can send us a completed *Complaint Form*.



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## Canada Energy Regulator Approach to Crown Consultation

The Government of Canada is committed to achieving reconciliation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit through renewed nation-to-nation, government-to-government and Inuit-Crown relationships based on the recognition of rights, respect, co-operation and partnership.

The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) regulates interprovincial and international pipelines and international power lines across Canada, as well as offshore renewable energy projects. The CER strives to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous peoples across the country who are potentially impacted by the infrastructure it regulates. Crown consultation is just one part of the relationship the CER has with Indigenous peoples. The Commission of the CER (Commission) is the body within the CER that makes independent decisions and recommendations on project applications. The CER's mandate includes exercising its powers and performing its duties and functions in a manner that respects the Government of Canada's commitment with respect to the rights of the Indigenous peoples of Canada.

This letter clarifies the CER's approach to fulfilling any potential duty to consult with Indigenous peoples that may arise on applications for CER-regulated projects where the Commission is the final decision maker. The CER's consultation with Indigenous peoples recognizes the [ten Principles Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples](#) and federal guidance on [the duty to consult](#). The *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (CER Act) designates the CER as an agent of the Crown. The Government of Canada has also tasked the CER to act as Crown Consultation Coordinator for these projects. Prior to the establishment of the CER, these duties were undertaken by Natural Resources Canada, through the Major Projects Management Office (MPMO).

For projects where the Commission is the final decision maker, the CER's intent is to fulfill the Crown's duty to consult through the Commission's regulatory process. The Commission has the technical expertise and mandate to consider and address project impacts, including those affecting the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples.

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Indigenous peoples identified as being potentially affected by a project application will be notified of the project application and will have the opportunity to provide comments to the Commission on the project and its potential impacts. The CER strongly encourages Indigenous peoples who are concerned that their established or potential Indigenous or Treaty rights and related interests could be affected by any project before the Commission, to make their concerns known to the Commission and to participate in any process held by the Commission. All relevant issues and concerns brought forward by Indigenous peoples will be considered by CER Commissioners with the intent that issues and concerns will be mitigated, or where necessary accommodated, to the extent possible. More detailed information about the CER's processes for reviewing project applications can be found on the [CER's website](#).

The CER also encourages potentially impacted Indigenous peoples to engage directly with the proponent of a proposed project. The CER requires companies to engage with Indigenous peoples early in the planning phase of a project if there is potential for the proposed project to affect the interests or rights of Indigenous peoples. Early engagement provides an opportunity for the proponent to make changes and address concerns before submitting an application to the CER. In undertaking the required early engagement, a company should strive to understand the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples, how a project may affect these rights and interests, and discuss ways to mitigate any potential impacts. If a project is approved, a company must continue its engagement throughout the construction, operation, and eventual abandonment of the project.

The CER encourages Indigenous peoples to review any correspondence or notice received from project proponents or the CER in order to understand the project components, the CER's assessment process, as well as any deadlines for providing comments to the CER.

As Crown Consultation Coordinator, the CER will work as necessary with other federal departments to determine how any issues or concerns raised by Indigenous peoples that may involve other areas of federal responsibility can be addressed.

If Indigenous peoples have questions about CER processes, or have concerns about a proposed project or activity, including those for which they may have not received notification, they can contact the CER for more information directly by telephone at 1-800-899-1265 or by email at [IndigenousMatters@cer-rec.gc.ca](mailto:IndigenousMatters@cer-rec.gc.ca).

Best regards,

Original signed by

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