April 1, 2019

Dear [Redacted]:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (File # NR-20-2019)

On March 4, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

January 2019 meeting note titled Meeting with BP Energy.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested records. The records are attached.

We are providing access to the most information possible but have made redactions in accordance with Sections 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d), 35(1)(f) and 35(1)(g) of ATIPPA, 2015 as follows:

29. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;

35. (1)(d) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in significant loss or gain to a third party;

35. (1)(f) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on
behalf of the government of the province or a public body, or considerations which relate to those negotiations;

35. (1)(g) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the financial or economic interest of the government of the province or a public body.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

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St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Office of Public Engagement’s website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Rod Hynes

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator
Meeting Note
Department of Natural Resources
BP Canada Energy
January 31, 2019
Natural Resources Building

Attendees:
Anita Perry, Vice President, Government & Public Affairs, BP Canada Energy (biography attached in Annex 1)
Hon. Siobhan Coady
Ted Lomond, DM

Purpose of Meeting:
- No formal meeting agenda has been provided. Officials may wish to discuss: 1) BP’s interests in the NL offshore; 2) BP’s interests and plans in the Nova Scotia offshore; 3) Advance 2030; 4) Status of Regulatory Initiatives; and 5) Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69).

Background:
- BP (formerly British Petroleum) is one of the world’s largest integrated oil and gas companies. Headquartered in London, UK, BP has approximately 74,000 employees worldwide and is active in 70 countries. BP’s worldwide production averaged 3.6 million boe per day in 2017. Through its two primary operating segments, upstream and downstream petroleum, BP is involved in the exploration, development, and production of energy sources as well as refining, processing, transportation, and energy trading activities. BP also has interests in renewable energy with activities focused on biofuels and wind.

- BP Canada Energy Group (BP Canada) is subsidiary of BP with offices in Calgary, Alberta and Halifax, Nova Scotia. BP Canada’s interests include:
  - Alberta Oil Sands - Interests in three oil sands assets (Sunrise, Pike, and Terre de Grace) in the Athabasca region of northeast Alberta.
  - Beaufort Sea - 100% interest in two other exploration blocks. BP is exploring the area under a joint operating agreement with ExxonMobil Canada and Imperial.
  - Nova Scotia Offshore - 50% interest and operator in four exploration licences with partner Hess (also 50% interest). BP is the operator of the exploration program. According to a fundamental decision dated June 8, 2017, the four exploration licenses were consolidated into one license (EL 2434R) when the Aspy D-11 well was spudded on April 22, 2018. On January 15, 2019 BP surrendered 50% of the lands and will pay one drilling deposit ($1 million) to extend Period 1 for one year (to January 14, 2020)
  - NL Offshore - Interests in five exploration licences in the Flemish Pass Basin, four exploration licences in the Orphan Basin and a significant discovery licence in the Labrador offshore. See Agenda Item #1 and Attachment 2 for additional information.
Agenda Item #1 – BP’s Interests in the NL Offshore
• BP may discuss its interests and any planned/potential activities in the NL Offshore.

Analysis:
• In the eastern offshore region, BP and its partners have interests in five exploration licences in the Flemish Pass Basin and four exploration licences in the Orphan Basin with a total work commitment of $1.24 billion of which BP’s share is approximately $403 million.
  o Flemish Pass Basin:
    - In the 2011 Call for Bids, BP Canada (with its partners) was awarded two land parcels for a total bid commitment of $347.77 million. BP’s share is $34.78 million.
    - In the 2015 Call for Bids, BP Canada (with its partners) was awarded three land parcels for a total bid commitment of $466.56 million. BP’s share is $153.96 million.
    - In the 2016 Call for Bids, BP Canada (with its partners) was awarded one land parcel for a total bid commitment of $12.2 million. BP’s share is $7.32 million.
  o Orphan Basin:
    - In the 2016 Call for Bids, BP Canada (with its partners) was awarded three land parcels in the Orphan Basin for a total bid commitment of $413.61 million. BP’s share is $206.8 million.
• Further information on BP’s land/licence interests in the NL offshore including a map of parcel locations are included in Annex 2.

Potential Speaking Points:
• Inquire about plans for exploration in the Flemish Pass Basin and Orphan Basin land parcels including details of the planning program and schedule.
• Inquire whether BP has plans to expand its portfolio in the NL offshore.
• Ask for BP’s perspective on the NL offshore including the global competitiveness of the offshore and any challenges for exploration and development.

Proposed Action:
• No proposed actions at this time.

Agenda Item #2 – BP’s Interests and plans in the Nova Scotia Offshore
• May wish to inquire about BP’s interests and exploration plans in the Nova Scotia offshore.

Analysis:
• On November 9, 2018 Hess announced that the Aspy D-11 well did not encounter commercial quantities of hydrocarbons after reaching a total depth of 7,400 metres in 2,771 metres of water. On December 5, 2018 BP Canada and Hess completed plugging and abandoning the Aspy D-11 well. After installation and testing of cement plugs, the West Aquarius lifted nearly 3,000 metres of riser and then began the transit back to Bay Bulls, NL. On December 18, 2018 the West Aquarius arrived at Bay Bulls and completed its contract with BP.
- BP Canada holds a 50% interest in the consolidated and partially surrendered exploration licence (EL 2434R), which is approximately 300 kilometres off the southeast coast of Nova Scotia. BP is the operator and Hess is a 50% partner in the licences. The total work commitment bid for these licences is $1.05 billion. The licences have an effective date of January 15, 2013 and are valid for 9 years (to January 14, 2022). On January 15, 2018 BP surrendered 50% of the lands and will pay one drilling deposit to extend Period 1 for one year (to January 14, 2010).

- Nova Scotia shares similar geological settings with Southern Newfoundland basins, namely the Laurentian Sub-basin, and the South Whale Basin. A well drilled in Nova Scotia will provide information that is useful for developing geological understanding of our basins and could encourage further drilling in Newfoundland.

Potential Speaking Points:
- Inquire about plans for exploration in the Nova Scotia offshore including details of the program timing and schedule.

Proposed Action:
- No proposed actions at this time.

Potential Agenda Item #3 – Advance 2030
- As part of The Way Forward, the Provincial Government committed to work with industry to position the province globally as a preferred location for oil and gas development.

- As part of that commitment, an Oil and Gas Industry Development Council was established to create a long-term vision for the province’s oil and gas industry, with a focus on promoting development, competitiveness and sustainability.

- In January 2017, the Council began to discuss opportunities and actions required to grow the oil and gas industry, with a vision that is driven by an innovative, sustainable, local industry that is globally competitive, environmentally responsible, and maximizes benefits to the people of the province.

- On February 19, 2018, the Honourable Dwight Ball, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Honourable Siobhan Coady, Minister of Natural Resources, launched Advance 2030. This is a plan for growth in the oil and gas industry and the outcome of the collaborative work of the Council and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Analysis:
- Government has accepted the 17 recommended focus areas, which includes immediate, mid-term and long-term actions including:
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- By 2030, the Plan envisions:
  - Over 100 new exploration wells drilled
  - Multiple basins producing over 650,000 boe/day from new and existing projects/tiebacks
  - Shortened time from prospectivity to production
  - Sustainable operations phase direct employment of more than 7,500 people
  - A robust, innovative global supply and service sector
  - Commercial natural gas production
  - Renewables and oil and gas integrated in a world-class energy cluster

- To advance this vision, Newfoundland and Labrador needs:
  - A competitive, global position built on a modern and efficient governance structure, including an efficient regulatory process, attractive fiscal policy, optimal infrastructure planning, and a collaborative approach where stakeholders work together to maximize value;
  - Increased supply and service sector capabilities that align with, and capitalize on, our energy future;
  - A highly competent, technical, agile and professional workforce that leverages our resource developments and forms a foundation for broader economic prosperity;
  - An industry that recognizes the value of gender equity and diversity, and the innovation and strength that comes with inclusivity and increasing the participation of under-represented groups; and
  - An innovation ecosystem that supports technology development, industry growth, diversification and exports.

**Potential Speaking Points:**

- The continued growth and development of Newfoundland and Labrador’s oil and gas industry is critical to the provincial economy and requires action through 2030.

- The collaboration and collective actions of all stakeholders (governments, industry, labour, education, training and research institutions and others) will be required for implementation and success.
- Inquire about how BP views the Advance 2030 plan and the challenges and growth opportunities for the Newfoundland and Labrador oil and gas sector.

- Ask for BP’s support in implementation of Advance 2030

**Proposed Action:**
- NR is leading development of an implementation plan and will engage relevant stakeholders on specific actions to define the lead, timelines and resources required.

**Agenda item #4 – Status of Regulatory Initiatives (FORRI)**

- The Frontier and Offshore Regulatory Renewal Initiative (FORRI) is a federal-provincial partnership working to modernize the regulatory framework for frontier and offshore oil and gas activities in Canada.

- FORRI’s current focus is on the development of a modern suite of operational requirements for frontier and offshore oil and gas activities, termed the ‘Framework Regulations’. Concurrent to FORRI’s work, the Atlantic Occupational Health and Safety Initiative is modernizing the occupational health and safety regulations for offshore oil and gas activities in Canada.

- These initiatives aim to advance the already high standards for safety, environmental protection, and resource management in offshore oil and gas areas of Canada.

- In modernizing the regulatory framework governing oil and gas activities in Canada’s frontier and offshore oil and gas areas, governments have agreed that regulations will be performance-based wherever possible and prescriptive wherever necessary (see Annex 2 for a more detailed description of the regulatory approach).

**Framework Regulations (Status)**

- The new Framework Regulations will endeavor to streamline regulatory requirements, reduce duplication and transition prescriptive language to performance based language where possible. The continued regulatory modernization efforts will help maintain the highest standards for operational safety, environmental protection and management of resources.

- The Framework Regulations technical working group has completed the development of the policy intent and it is now with the Federal Department of Justice drafting team to complete drafting of the Framework Regulations.

- A Framework Regulations stakeholder consultation session was held in St. John’s on May 28, 2018. Publication in Canada Gazette I is expected in the spring 2019, with final publication Canada Gazette II in the spring of 2020 and coming into force in the Fall 2020.

**Offshore Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (Status)**

- The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Initiative is working towards developing performance based OHS regulations to replace the Transitional Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (TOHSR) they came into effect on December 31, 2014 to implement the new Part III.1 legislative amendments to the Accord Acts.

- The OHS technical working group (including NL government officials from NR and SNL) has completed the development of the policy intent and it is now with the
Federal Department of Justice drafting team to complete drafting of the OHS Regulations.
- On a similar timeline as the FORRI Framework Regulations, an OHS Initiative stakeholder consultation session was held on May 29, 2018 in St. John’s. Publication in Canada Gazette I is expected in the spring 2019, with final publication Canada Gazette II in the spring of 2020 and coming into force in the Fall 2020.

Analysis
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Potential Speaking Points
- Ask Anita’s views on government’s approach to modernizing the regulations and the associated timelines.

Proposed Actions
- The NL Government is committed to work with its FORRI partners in the development of these regulations and bring them into force in 2020.

Agenda item #5 - Impact Assessment Act (Bill C-69)
- On Feb. 8, 2018, the federal government table Bill C-69 which proposes to repeal Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 and replace it with the Impact Assessment Act (IAA).
- Under the IAA the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency) will continue as the Impact Assessment Agency (IA Agency) and be responsible for Impact Assessments.
- The IA Agency will continue to be in charge of IAs for offshore activities on the designated projects list with the CNLOPB continuing EAs for smaller projects.
- The IAA will change the CNLOPB’s role in IAs by ensuring its regulatory role is clearer and greater than its current role. The IAA mandates inclusion of the CNLOPB on IA review panels for offshore projects.
- In the spring 2018, CEA Agency released two consultation papers to seek public comments on the approach to developing two regulations to support the proposed new IAA – Regulations Designating Physical Activities (the Project List) and Information Requirements and Time Management Regulations.
- Another consultation is expected to take place in the winter 2019 on the regulatory proposals. Regulations are expected to be finalized in early 2019.
- The Bill C-69 is currently in the Senate. The federal government anticipates passing this legislation in mid-2019.

Regional Assessment
- The IAA proposes the concept of a Regional Assessment (RA) in which the Minister or CEA Agency may establish a committee to conduct a RA of the effects of existing or future physical activities carried out in a region.
The federal government has indicated that offshore exploratory wells in a defined area where an RA has been undertaken and approved by the Minister could be excluded from assessment (i.e. review panel) under the IAA.

The Federal government, NL Natural Resources and the CNLOPB are discussing an Agreement to conduct an RA, under the current CEAA 2012, for the eastern Newfoundland offshore area to meet the objective of gathering evidence to have exploratory well removed from the Project List and avoid the review panel process.

On September 13, 2018, a 30 day consultation period on the draft Agreement to Conduct a Regional Assessment was launched. The draft Agreement includes the procedures and timelines for the process, the factors to be considered in the assessment, as well as the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

Objective is to finalize this RA to coincide with the proposed proclamation of the IAA in mid-2019.

Analysis
- The federal government's policy intent is to provide a more rigorous and efficient assessment process with reduced timelines and clearer upfront requirements, however, NL Government has concerns the proposed legislation often does not match this policy intent.

Potential Speaking Points
- Ask Anita's views on Bill C-69 and the Regional Assessment process.

Proposed Actions
- The NL Government will continue to engage the federal government to ensure this proposed legislation achieves the objectives of the policy intent.

Prepared/Approved by: J. Townsley/J. Petrovic (Petroleum Geoscience)/C. Carter (Regulatory Affairs)

Ministerial Approval:

January 29, 2019
Annex 1

Anita Perry
Vice President, Government & Public Affairs
BP Canada Energy

Anita Perry is Vice President of Government and Public Affairs and Nova Scotia Regional Manager for BP Canada. She leads all external relations including: public and government affairs, media relations, internal and corporate communications, aboriginal and stakeholder relations and corporate social responsibility/community investment for BP in Canada. Since April 2014 she has been assumed the lead non-technical role for BP in its deepwater project offshore Nova Scotia.

Before joining BP Canada, Anita worked with major Canadian corporations leading external communications, public affairs and investor relations communications. Early in her career, Anita worked for politicians at the municipal, provincial and federal levels as an Advisor.

A native of Prince Edward Island, Anita’s career and education have taken her to many parts of Canada; including Moncton, Ottawa, Toronto, Yellowknife, Regina, Calgary and Halifax. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Regina majoring in Political Science and Economics.
Annex 2
BP Interests in NL Offshore¹

**BP Exploration Licence Interests – Flemish Pass Basin:**

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1. In addition to the exploration licenses outlined above, BP also has a 0.8662% interest in the Hopedale E-33 significant discovery licence in the offshore Labrador region. This licence has an effective date of August 4, 1987 and is held with 13 other interest holder partners. This licence area has not seen any recent significant activity.
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