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Dear Ms. Becker:

**Decision on the List of Issues
Same Season Relief Well (SSRW) Technical Proceeding
Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL)**

On 11 July 2014, the National Energy Board (NEB or Board) released a draft List of Issues on the IORVL SSRW technical proceeding for public comment. The draft List of Issues reflected the Board's initial considerations of what topics will be important to examine in detail during this proceeding. The comment period closed on 15 August 2014.

The Board received comments from a variety of organizations and interested persons during the comment period. After careful review, the Board has determined that the draft List of Issues is broad enough to capture most of the comments about what should be included on the List of Issues. However, the Board has decided to add Issue #3: *"How the tools and techniques proposed would address the challenges of the unique Arctic environment"*.

The Board also received comments regarding the need for specificity in the List of Issues and detailed information requirements. In response to these comments, the Board's decision provides greater clarity about what is encompassed in the List of Issues and sets out relevant information requirements. The Board encourages IORVL to consider those expectations when preparing its technical proposal.

The full decision on the List of Issues is attached to this letter. Appendix A of the decision includes the revised List of Issues. The decision and List of Issues is also available on the Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca/IORVLReview.

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Next Steps

The Board understands that IORVL plans to submit a detailed technical proposal to the NEB in the coming months, in which IORVL would explain its approach to meeting or exceeding the intended outcome of the SSRW Policy. This is the next major step in the overall SSRW Technical Proceedings.

The Board also received a suite of comments and questions about the processes that would follow and the opportunities for public participation. The Board has not yet determined the process it will use for the SSRW technical proceeding. The Board will ensure that the process allows for public participation.

The Board will provide details on the process and participation options in due course. This information will be available on the Board's website at www.neb-one.gc.ca/IORVLReview. Interested persons can also sign up to receive email updates on the regulatory process at: IORVL.Review@neb-one.gc.ca.

IORVL is directed to provide this letter and the attached decision to those on its interested persons list.

Yours truly,

Original signed by L. George for

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Attachment

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