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Mr. Alex Bolton  
Chair, Joint Review Panel  
Grassy Mountain Coal Project  
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Dear Mr. Bolton,

Thank you for your letter of October 16, 2020, in which you request an extension to the regulatory timeline for the Joint Review Panel (the Panel) to prepare and submit the environmental assessment report for the proposed Grassy Mountain Coal Project.

The Government of Canada and the Alberta Energy Regulator have a shared interest to ensure that the report from the Panel is rigorous and comprehensive to support decision-making by both governments. The Governor in Council has approved your request and extended the legislated time limit for the assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, by 135 days.

With the additional time that has been granted, we expect that the Panel will provide its report no later than June 18, 2021. We encourage the Panel to find efficiencies wherever possible and to submit your report at the earliest possible date before the deadline. If we can be of any assistance in this regard, including facilitating the availability of our respective witnesses in a manner that accommodates the scheduling of the Panel, please do not hesitate to notify us.

We would like to express our continued gratitude for the Panel's ongoing efforts in the review of the proposed Project. We trust you will continue to work diligently to fulfill the requirements of your Terms of Reference.

Please accept our best regards.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Mr. Laurie Pushor  
Chief Executive Officer  
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