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Dear Jennifer:

SUBJECT: Summary of Issues for the ATCO Salt Cavern Storage Expansion Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a comment period from January 25, 2021 to February 16, 2021, inviting participants to provide feedback related to the ATCO Salt Cavern Storage Expansion Project (the Project). All submissions received are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) (Reference #81297).

A Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency during the comment period, is enclosed with this letter. As it is a high-level summary, the Agency encourages ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. to review the original submissions posted on the Registry and to consider the full context in which the comments were provided.

Please note that due to the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic, some interested parties may not have had the opportunity or capacity to provide comments during the comment period on the summary of the Initial Project Description. The Agency will continue to accept comments from interested parties and the "Submit a Comment" feature on the Project's Registry page will remain available. ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. is encouraged to additionally review and consider any comments submitted within a reasonable time period after the close of the comment period when preparing the response to the Summary of Issues. The Agency will consider all comments received in its decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description

that sets out how it intends to address the issues outlined in the Summary of Issues and includes the information described in the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (the Regulations). The requirements for the Detailed Project Description are set out in section 4 and Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Please consult the *Guide to Preparing an Initial Project Description and a Detailed Project Description* at www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guide-preparing-project-description-detailed-project-description.html for further information.

ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. is encouraged to provide meaningful responses to the issues included in the Summary of Issues. The Summary of Issues and ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd.'s responses will be used to inform the Agency's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project. In particular, ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. may find value in reviewing the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template, as it relates to the issues raised, at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/tailored-impact-statement-guidelines-projects-impact-assessment-act.html>. The Agency will use the information provided in the Detailed Project Description, Response to Summary of Issues, and comments provided to the Agency to inform the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and plans for this Project, should an impact assessment be required. The template provides the types of information that will be required in the Impact Statement.

In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd., are outside of its care and control. In this situation, ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. may choose to identify the party or parties with the potential to address the issue(s).

Please provide the Agency with your Detailed Project Description, including the response to the Summary of Issues, by March 31, 2021, or inform the Agency that more time is required. ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. is strongly encouraged to contact the Agency by March 18, 2021, to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Detailed Project Description. If more than 30 days is required, please notify the Agency in writing and request that the Agency suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

Important note: ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd. is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the Project.

For ease of reference, the Agency requests that the response to the Summary of Issues be provided in a table with reference to other parts of the Detailed Project Description as warranted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (780) 246-7126 or iaac.SaltCavern-CavernesSel.aeic@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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