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Dear Elysha Henderson:

Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership Application for the Deadman River Crossing 5 Permanent Erosion Mitigation Project under section 214 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* and section 45.1 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations*

On 14 May 2026, Westcoast Energy GP Inc. (**Westcoast**), on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership filed an application (C39358) [**Application**] with the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) in relation to the Deadman River Crossing 5 Permanent Erosion Mitigation Project (**Project**). In its Application, Westcoast proposed to replace approximately 165 metres (**m**) of each of the existing 6BL2 Mainline (NPS 36) and 6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30) by means of a trenched construction technique, and requested exemption from the requirements of subsections 180(1), 182(2), sections 198, 199, and 213 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (**CER Act**). Westcoast requested an order pursuant to subsection 45.1 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (**OPR**) to decommission the 6BL2 Mainline replacement section by removal and two options to decommission the replacement section of the 6BL1 Mainline. Westcoast also filed subsequent submissions dated 20 May 2026 (C39425), 29 June 2026 (C40063), and 24 August 2026 (C40624).

The Commission of the CER finds that it is in the public interest to approve the replacement of the existing 6BL2 Mainline and 6BL1 Mainline pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act, having considered the information on the record that appears to be relevant and directly related to the Project, including matters relevant to section 56 of the CER Act, as explained below. Overall, the Commission is satisfied with the design and implementation of Westcoast's engagement activities, and the Commission finds that the protection of the environment and public safety have been appropriately addressed by Westcoast in the Application and subsequent submissions. The Commission's evaluation also included the Project's financial viability, economic justification, and its proposed design and operation.

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The Commission issues Order XG-012-2026 pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act, the effect of which is to approve the replacement portion (new pipeline segment construction) of the Project. A copy of the Order and Schedule A, which together outlines the specifics of the replacement portion of the Project as approved, is attached. As indicated in the Order, and discussed below, the Commission grants Westcoast an exemption from the provisions of paragraphs 180(1)(a) and (b), subsection 182(2), and sections 198, 199, and 213 of the CER Act for the Project.

Pursuant to **Condition 1** and **Condition 7** of Order XG-012-2026, Westcoast must file any technical specification updates for the 6BL2 Mainline and 6BL1 Mainline pipes listed in the Application. Technical specification updates are limited to the used pipe length, and differences in pipe diameter, wall thickness, grade, or material that do not impact any other aspect of the Project as approved. Any other changes will require advance approval from the Commission.

The Commission grants Westcoast's request for an exemption from paragraph 180(1)(b) of the CER Act, which prohibits a company from operating a pipeline unless it has been granted leave to open the pipeline, and for an exemption from subsection 213(1) of the CER Act, which prohibits a company from opening a pipeline or a section of a pipeline for transmission without the Commission's leave. In these circumstances, the Commission finds that it has sufficient information to determine that the Project once constructed as approved will be safe to open, and therefore a leave to open application will not be necessary. Accordingly, Westcoast is not required to obtain the Commission's leave to open the pipeline and may operate the pipeline without obtaining such leave. Although Westcoast is not required, as a result of these exemptions, to file any documentation summarizing the successful completion of required activities (e.g., those listed in Guide T of the Filing Manual) before it puts the facility into service, Westcoast is still required to complete those activities and to oversee their quality control.

The Commission considered Westcoast's request to decommission 165 m of the existing 6BL2 Mainline by removal and 105 m of the existing 6BL1 Mainline by removal (or up to 165 m, depending on the successful removal of an approximately 60 m portion). The Commission finds that:

(a) For the 6BL2 Mainline section: A decommissioning Order is not necessary because Westcoast has committed to remove the entire pipeline segment. The Commission has determined that replacing the affected pipe segment by physically removing it and installing a new section of pipe in its place, provided that the replacement does not increase the approved maximum operating pressure, stress level, or diameter of the pipeline, meets the requirements of operations and maintenance activities. Therefore, this decommissioning may be conducted as an Eligible Activity under section 3.1 of the *Operations and Maintenance Activities on Pipelines Regulated Under the Canadian Energy Regulator Act: Requirements and Guidance Notes* (**O&M**); and
(b) For the 6BL1 Mainline section: A decommissioning Order is not necessary for any portion of the pipeline that will be physically removed and replaced with a new section of pipe, consistent with the approach described for the 6BL2 Mainline section above. Such replacement activities may be conducted under the O&M. Therefore, any potential decommissioning requiring Commission authorization would be limited to the approximately 60 m portion that may remain in place.

The Commission issues Order MO-027-2026 pursuant to subsection 68(1) of the CER Act and section 45.1 of the OPR, the effect of which is to approve the decommissioning of the 60 m of the 6BL1 Mainline section that will be left in-place. A copy of the Order and Schedule A, which together outlines the specifics of that 60 m 6BL1 Mainline section, is attached. The Commission is satisfied that Westcoast's commitments and planned mitigation measures are sufficient to protect the environment and public safety during work to decommission the pipeline and while the pipeline is in a decommissioned state. The Commission is satisfied that Westcoast's proposed safety measures, including its commitment to comply with all applicable safety codes, along with the conditions imposed by the Commission, are capable of protecting public safety because the pipeline is in a remote location with low levels of human activity.

Pursuant to **Condition 1** and **Condition 7** of Order MO-027-2026, Westcoast must file the Project as-completed summary information and associated technical specification updates, including the implemented decommissioning option for the 60 m of 6BL1 segment. Once Westcoast files this information, the Commission will review all final technical specification updates and may issue an amending order, if appropriate.

Improving the accuracy of abandonment cost estimates is an ongoing process, which benefits from learnings of abandonments and decommissionings as they take place. The Commission has included **Condition 8** to Order MO-027-2026, requiring Westcoast to file the actual costs of the 60 m decommissioning once completed. This condition will help the Commission improve the accuracy of abandonment cost estimate assumptions over time.

The Commission reminds Westcoast that it must maintain decommissioned pipelines and associated records in compliance with clause 10.15.1.2 of CSA Z662-23, as amended from time to time. In addition, the Commission reminds Westcoast that it continues to be responsible for meeting all legislative requirements with respect to the decommissioned pipeline, including those under the OPR.

The Commission is satisfied that the Crown's obligations in relation to the duty to consult and accommodate have been met. In reaching this conclusion, the Commission considered Westcoast's Project-specific engagement activities with Indigenous Peoples - notifying the appropriate Indigenous Peoples about the Project, learning about their concerns and interests in relation to this Project, responding to these concerns and interests, and committing to continue engagement activities throughout the lifecycle of the Project. Prior to filing the Application, Westcoast notified 23 Indigenous[1] communities by email of the Project. These communities have known and/or asserted traditional territory in the Project area. Westcoast also confirmed it provided the CER's Notice of Application to all potentially affected Indigenous communities on 20 May 2026. The Commission's process allowed for the filing of Statements of Concern (**SOC**) from Indigenous communities, and for the Commission to consider any Project-specific concerns set out in the SOC's and summaries of engagement provided by Westcoast and determine whether they could be addressed. The CER did not receive any SOC's from Indigenous Peoples regarding the Project.

[1] The use of the term "Indigenous" has the meaning assigned by the definition of "aboriginal peoples of Canada" in subsection 35(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982,* being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (UK), 1982, c 11 which states:

In this Act, "aboriginal peoples of Canada" includes the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada.

The Commission finds that, given that the Project is located on previously disturbed land entirely within Skeetchestn Indian Band's Reserve #0, and with the implementation of Westcoast's environmental protection procedures and mitigation measures, and the conditions imposed by the Commission, the potential adverse effects on the rights of Indigenous Peoples can be adequately addressed.

Westcoast stated the Project requires authorization from Skeetchestn Indian Band under section 317 of the CER Act and committed to continue working collaboratively to receive consent for the Project. The Project is required for safety and environmental protection purposes, and Westcoast submitted that it understands that work associated with the Project is expected to respect Skeetchestn cultural, environmental, and safety considerations. Westcoast committed that Project activities will comply with access, monitoring, cultural, archaeological, environment, safety requirements, and other considerations as agreed-upon with Skeetchestn Indian Band. In consideration of these facts, the Commission finds that any socio-economic effects, including effects to the rights of Indigenous Peoples and taking cumulative effects into account, would be of low significance.

Appropriateness of decommissioning methods

The Commission finds that Westcoast's proposed decommissioning method is appropriate. Westcoast will carry out the decommissioning activities in accordance with the requirements of the OPR, CSA Z662, and its company standards. The Commission has considered the appropriateness of Westcoast's proposed decommissioning methods in consideration of environmental effects as explained below.

The Commission is of the view that decommissioning the section of 6BL1 pipe in place will result in less environmental impact than returning for a second season to remove it. The Commission is satisfied that Westcoast will remove the entire existing 165 m section of 6BL2 pipe and attempt to remove the entire 165 m section of 6BL1 pipe. Should Westcoast not be able to safely remove the entire 6BL1 pipeline, the 60 m section of pipe at the Deadman River Crossing 5 will be decommissioned in place.

The Commission is of the view that environmental effects of decommissioning the pipe in place such as subsidence, pipeline exposure, water conduit effect, and buoyancy are unlikely considering it will be cut, purged, filled with grout and capped, and it has a depth of cover of 1.38 m at minimum. The Commission is also satisfied that if the 60 m section of 6BL1 pipe is decommissioned in place, Westcoast will conduct periodic inspection and monitoring of the pipe and depth of cover through its Pipeline Monitoring Program.

Westcoast conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the Project but did not identify any areas of potential contamination requiring further investigations. Should any contaminated soils be encountered during Project activities, Westcoast will implement Enbridge's contaminated soils mitigation measures. The Commission reminds Westcoast that, if it encounters soil, groundwater, or surface-water contamination during the Project, it must file a Notice of Contamination with the CER in accordance with the CER's Remediation Process Guide.

Water quality and quantity

The Commission finds Westcoast's mitigation measures, with the Conditions imposed by the Commission, to be appropriate to protect water quality and quantity. The Commission notes that instream activities, including channel isolation and temporary diversion, could increase sedimentation and alter flows in the Deadman River. Westcoast has proposed standard mitigation measures, including water quality monitoring in accordance with applicable project-specific environmental requirements, permits, approvals and authorizations. Considering the likelihood of sedimentation during Project activities (e.g., stream isolation), the Commission requires the Project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (**EPP**) filed pursuant to **Condition 6** to include water quality monitoring requirements.

Skeetchestn Indian Band also raised concern that the area is a source of groundwater and that the area, the stream it flows into and the salmon redds, are a very valuable ecosystem to Skeetchestn. In its response, Westcoast stated it is working in collaboration with Skeetchestn Natural Resources and the Secwépemc Fisheries Commission to implement mitigation measures to reduce impacts on water groundwater. This includes developing a Dewatering Plan for implementation during construction. Westcoast will also assess impacts on groundwater flow patterns to adjacent and peripheral habitats before initiating dewatering activities within excavated areas. Nearby habitats will be monitored throughout the duration of the dewatering period and afterwards to ensure that negative impacts are not occurring due to changed groundwater flow patterns. To further reduce the potential adverse effects to groundwater quality and flow, the Commission requires that the Project-specific EPP filed pursuant to **Condition 6** also include the Dewatering Plan.

Fish and fish habitat

The Commission finds Westcoast's mitigation measures to be appropriate to protect fish and fish habitat. Westcoast will complete instream activities within as short time as possible to ensure minimal disturbance to water quality and fish and fish habitat. The least risk timing window for fall and spring spawning species in Deadman River is 22 July to 15 August; however, Westcoast anticipates starting instream works in early July outside of the least risk timing window and is in discussion with Fisheries and Oceans Canada on this matter.

Westcoast submitted that the Deadman River is a fifth order stream with riparian stream classification of S2. The Skeetchestn's Deadman River Hatchery is located 1.5 kilometres upstream on the Deadman River and supports conservation objectives and community stewardship. A total of 18 fish species have been documented within the Deadman River. None of the documented species are listed on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*, however, the following species are listed by the Committee on Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada: Chinook Salmon (Endangered), Coho Salmon (Threatened), Sockeye Salmon (Special Concern), and Steelhead (Endangered).

The Project will result in 145 square metres (**m^2**) of new permanent habitat alteration below the ordinary highwater mark (1-2 year water level). At the crossing location the maximum amount of riparian habitat to be cleared is 1 120 m^2. Following completion of instream work, Westcoast plans to complete willow staking and brush layering at the crossing location.

On 7 July 2026, the CER issued a referral letter to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (C40151). To date a response has not been received. Therefore, the Commission imposes **Condition 5** requiring Westcoast to file with the CER any Letters of Advice or *Fisheries Act* authorizations issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the Project.

Wildlife and Wildlife Species at Risk

The Commission finds that Westcoast's planned mitigation measures will minimize effects to wildlife and wildlife species at risk. The Commission is satisfied that Westcoast will complete tree clearing outside of the primary migratory bird nesting period, avoid removing suitable nesting trees for Lewis's woodpecker (listed as Threatened on Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*), conduct pre-construction wildlife searches, salvages, and implement setback buffers, as needed.

The Commission notes that the Application refers to providing site-specific requirements in the Project EPP for working within and adjacent to wildlife habitat features, such as regulatory permits and approvals, timing of construction/clearing activities, sensitive wildlife timing windows; pre-construction wildlife surveys and/or salvages, and environmental monitoring. To further reduce the potential adverse effects to wildlife and wildlife habitat, the Commission requires that the Project-specific EPP filed pursuant to **Condition 6** include the site-specific mitigation measures for working within and adjacent to wildlife habitat features as described in the Application.

Environmental monitoring

The Commission is also satisfied that Westcoast will also conduct post-construction environmental monitoring (**PCEM**) within areas disturbed by the Project. PCEM will be conducted after the first growing season following construction cleanup, with an additional year, if warranted, based on the first assessment. The Commission expects Westcoast to fully implement its post-construction monitoring program, as committed to in its Application. This includes identifying any environmental issues (such as the presence and abundance of weeds or invasive species), evaluating the effectiveness of the mitigation measures implemented, and undertaking appropriate corrective actions to address any outstanding issues identified. The Commission reminds Westcoast that all commitments must be adhered to, as required by **Condition 3.**

Federal Lands

Since the entire Project is located on Skeetchestn Indian Band reserve lands, under section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act* (**IA Act**), the Commission must not exercise any power or perform any duty or function conferred on it under the CER Act that could permit the Project to be carried out on federal lands unless:

(a) the Commission determines that the carrying out of the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects; or

(b) the Commission determines that the carrying out of the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and the Governor in Council decides, under subsection 90(3) of the IA Act, that those effects are justified in the circumstances.

Subsection 84(1) of the IA Act lists the factors that the Commission must consider when making its determination:

(a) any adverse impact that the Project may have on the rights of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982;*

(b) Indigenous knowledge provided with respect to the Project;

(c) community knowledge provided with respect to the Project;

(d) comments received from the public under subsection 86(1) of the IA Act; and

(e) the mitigation measures that are technically and economically feasible and that would mitigate any significant adverse environmental effects of the Project that the authority is satisfied will be implemented.

On 10 June 2026, the CER posted a description of the Project (Reference No. 90541) and a notice inviting public comment on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry pursuant to subsection 86(1) of the IA Act. The public comment period closed on 25 June 2026. No comments were received from Indigenous Peoples or the public regarding the Project.

The Commission finds that carrying out the Project on federal lands is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects on federal lands under section 82, based on the factors in subsection 84(1) of the IA Act. No issues or concerns were expressed by Indigenous Peoples or the public regarding the Project being located on federal lands. The Commission is satisfied with Westcoast's proposed environmental protection procedures and mitigation measures.

The Commission directs Westcoast to serve a copy of this letter and the attached Orders on all interested parties.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments

ORDER MO-027-2026

IN THE MATTER OF the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (**CER Act**) and the regulations made thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Westcoast Energy GP Inc. (**Westcoast**), on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act and section 45.1 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (**OPR**), dated 14 May 2026 filed with the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) under File 7014190 (**Application**).

BEFORE the Commission of the CER on 6 October 2026.

WHEREAS Westcoast filed an Application on 14 May 2026 related to the Deadman River Crossing 5 Permanent Erosion Mitigation Project (**Project**), to decommission 165 metres of each of the 6BL2 Mainline and the 6BL1 Mainline;

AND WHEREAS the information about the Project is set out in Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this Order;

AND WHEREAS Westcoast filed subsequent submissions on 20 May 2026, 29 June 2026, and 24 August 2026;

AND WHEREAS Westcoast submitted that the Project would provide long-term erosion mitigation for the two existing pipelines, the 6BL2 Mainline (NPS 36) and 6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30) at the Deadman River Crossing 5 location;

AND WHEREAS the Commission considered Westcoast's submission that it has not yet determined whether the approximately 60 metres portion of NPS 30 pipeline will be removed or left in place;

AND WHEREAS that the replacement of both the NPS 30 and NPS 36 pipeline segments will be carried out simultaneously as part of the same construction project and execution plan and that the environmental and socio-economic effects associated with the replacement of both pipeline segments are interconnected;

AND WHEREAS Westcoast applied under section 214 of the CER Act and section 45.1 of the OPR for the Project as a whole, rather than splitting the Project into separate concurrent Operations and Maintenance notifications and section 214 applications;

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AND WHEREAS, the Commission finds that a decommissioning order is not necessary for the specified portions of pipeline that will be physically removed and replaced with new pipe, as described by Westcoast;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Application and subsequent submissions, and all matters that are directly related and relevant to the Application, including matters under section 56 of the CER Act, and finds it to be in the public interest to grant the following relief;

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to subsection 68(1) of the CER Act and section 45.1 of the OPR, the decommissioning of the portions of the existing 6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30) that will not be removed and will therefore remain in place is approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Westcoast must comply with all of the conditions contained in this Order unless the Commission otherwise directs.

2. Westcoast must decommission and maintain the Deadman River Crossing 5 in its decommissioned state in accordance with the specifications, standards, commitments, and other information referred to in its Application and related submissions.

3. Westcoast must implement or cause to be implemented all of the policies, practices, programs, mitigation measures, recommendations, procedures, and its commitments for the protection of the environment included in or referred to in its Application and related submissions.

4. Westcoast must, **at least 14 days prior to commencing the decommissioning activities**, file with the CER a detailed schedule or schedules identifying major activities and must notify the CER of any modifications to the schedule or schedules as they occur.

5. Westcoast must:

    a) For any work, undertaking, or activity in or near water that requires authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, file with the CER, **at least 14 days prior to commencing the respective work, undertaking, or activity**, a copy of the authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act.*

    b) For any work, undertaking, or activity in or near water where Fisheries and Oceans Canada determined that an authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) is not required, Westcoast must file with the CER, **at least 14 days prior to commencing the respective work, undertaking, or activity**, a copy of any Letter of Advice issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

6. Westcoast must file, **at least 30 days prior to commencing construction**, an updated Project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (**EPP**), which Westcoast must implement. The EPP must describe all environmental protection procedures, mitigation measures, and commitments to be implemented to avoid or minimize potential adverse environmental and socio-economic effects during construction. In addition, the updated EPP must include the following:

a) a detailed description of access management measures, including alignment on access with Skeetchestn Indian Band and/or any of its authorized representatives;

b) reference to any *Fisheries Act* Authorization and *Species at Risk Act* (**SARA**) permits issued for the Project, or any Letters of Advice issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada;

c) a detailed description of the construction noise mitigation measures planned, including a summary of the complaint resolution process inclusive of how impacted people can submit the complaint, as well as any noise monitoring and contingency plans;

d) incorporation of any relevant environmental features identified, like salmon redds, Traditional Land Use and Resource sites, and other features identified by Indigenous communities, along with associated mitigation measures;

e) any mitigation measures Westcoast committed to with Indigenous Peoples, particularly Skeetchestn Indian Band and/or any of its authorized representatives;

f) any mitigation measures committed to in the Application and information request responses, including:

   i. water quality monitoring during instream work;

   ii. a groundwater dewatering plan;

g) site-specific mitigation measures for wildlife and wildlife habitat, including species at risk listed in Schedule 1 of SARA or by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada; and

h) a revision log of the updates made to the EPP, the location in the EPP where each revision is found, and a justification for each revision.

7. Westcoast must**, within 14 days after completing the decommissioning activities**, file with the CER the Project as-completed summary information, including the implemented decommissioning option for the 6BL1 segment. Westcoast must also file any technical specification updates for the existing 6BL1 pipeline portion that is decommissioned in-place (if any). Technical specification updates are limited to differences in decommissioned pipe length that do not impact any other aspect of the Project as approved.

8. Westcoast must, **within 30 days of the date that the decommissioning activities are completed**, file with the CER a cost report using the appropriate reporting form[1]. The cost report must include:

   a) information about the activities carried out during decommissioning under this order; and

   b) actual costs associated with those activities, as well as the total of actual costs by cost category to date.

[1] The current form is located at https://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/en/applications-hearings/pipeline-abandonment/forms/tables-reporting-actual-costs-abandonment-decommissioning.pdf

9. Westcoast must file with the CER, **within 30 days of the date that the decommissioning activities are completed**, confirmation that the activities were completed in compliance with all applicable conditions in this Order. If compliance with any of these conditions cannot be confirmed, Westcoast must file with the CER details as to why compliance cannot be confirmed. The filing required by this condition must include a statement confirming that the signatory to the filing is the accountable officer of Westcoast, appointed as Accountable Officer pursuant to section 6.2 of the OPR.

10. This Order will expire on **31 December 2029**, unless decommissioning activities of the approved Project has commenced by that date.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CANADA ENERGY REGULATOR

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

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SCHEDULE A

Order MO-027-2026

Westcoast Energy GP Inc., on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership
Application dated 14 May 2026
assessed pursuant to section 45.1 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations*

Deadman River Crossing 5 Project
File 7014190

Pipeline Specifications - 6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30)

Project Type	Decommissioning
Location (endpoints)	At the Deadman River crossing, approximately 41 km northwest of Kamloops, British Columbia.
Approximate Length	60 m (in place)
Outside Diameter	762 mm (NPS 30)
Wall Thickness	9.2 mm
Pipe Material	Carbon steel
Pipe Material Standard	CSA Z245.1
Pipe Grade	Grade 448 MPa (X65) CAT II
Pipe Manufacture Process	Double submerged arc welded
External Coating Type	Fusion bonded epoxy
Maximum Operating Pressure	N/A
Product	Grout (concrete)

ORDER XG-012-2026

IN THE MATTER OF the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (**CER Act**) and the regulations made thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application made by Westcoast Energy GP Inc. (**Westcoast**), on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act, dated 14 May 2026, filed with the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) under File 7014190 (**Application**).

BEFORE the Commission of the CER on 6 October 2026.

WHEREAS Westcoast Energy GP Inc. filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act on 14 May 2026 requesting exemptions from the provisions of paragraphs 180(1)(a) and (b), subsection 182(2), and sections 198, 199, and 213, and any other relief the Commission may find appropriate, related to the Deadman River Crossing 5 Permanent Erosion Mitigation Project (**Project**);

AND WHEREAS the information about the Project is set out in Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this Order;

AND WHEREAS Westcoast filed subsequent submissions dated 20 May 2026, 29 June 2026, and 24 August 2026;

AND WHEREAS the Commission has had regard to all considerations that are relevant and directly related to the Project, including matters under section 56 of the CER Act and environmental matters pursuant to Part 3 of the CER Act;

AND WHEREAS the Commission finds that the Project once constructed as approved will be safe to open, and therefore a leave to open application will not be necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Commission considers it to be in the public interest to grant the following relief;

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 214 of the CER Act, the Project, as specified in Schedule A, is exempt from the provisions of paragraphs 180(1)(a) and (b), subsection 182(2), and sections 198, 199, and 213 of the CER Act, the effect of which is to approve the Project subject to the following conditions:

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1. Westcoast must comply with all of the conditions contained in this Order, unless the Commission otherwise directs.

2. Westcoast must cause the approved Project to be designed, located, constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with the specifications, standards, commitments, and other information referred to in its Application or in its related submissions.

3. Westcoast must implement or cause to be implemented all of the policies, practices, programs, mitigation measures, recommendations, procedures, and its commitments for the protection of the environment included in or referred to in its Application or in its related submissions.

4. Westcoast must, **at least 14 days prior to commencing construction of the approved facilities**, file with the CER a detailed construction schedule or schedules identifying major construction activities and must notify the CER of any modifications to the schedule or schedules as they occur.

5. Westcoast must:

    a. For any work, undertaking, or activity in or near water that requires authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*, file with the CER, **at least 14 days prior to commencing the respective work, undertaking, or activity**, a copy of the authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) of the *Fisheries Act*.

    b. For any work, undertaking, or activity in or near water where Fisheries and Oceans Canada determined that an authorization under paragraphs 34.4(2)(b) and/or 35(2)(b) is not required, Westcoast must file with the CER, **at least 14 days prior to commencing the respective work, undertaking, or activity**, a copy of any Letter of Advice issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

6. Westcoast must file, **at least 30 days prior to commencing construction**, an updated Project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (**EPP**), which Westcoast must implement. The EPP must describe all environmental protection procedures, mitigation measures, and commitments to be implemented to avoid or minimize potential adverse environmental and socio-economic effects during construction. In addition, the updated EPP must include the following:

    a. a detailed description of access management measures, including alignment on access with Skeetchestn Indian Band and/or any of its authorized representatives;

    b. reference to any *Fisheries Act* Authorization and *Species at Risk Act* (**SARA**) permits issued for the Project, or any Letters of Advice issued by Fisheries and Oceans Canada;

c. a detailed description of the construction noise mitigation measures planned, including a summary of the complaint resolution process inclusive of how impacted people can submit the complaint, as well as any noise monitoring and contingency plans;

d. incorporation of any relevant environmental features identified, like salmon redds, Traditional Land Use and Resource sites, and other features identified by Indigenous communities, along with associated mitigation measures;

e. any mitigation measures Westcoast committed to with Indigenous Peoples, particularly Skeetchestn Indian Band and/or any of its authorized representatives;

f. any mitigation measures committed to in the Application and information request responses, including:

    i. water quality monitoring during instream work;

    ii. a groundwater dewatering plan;

g. site-specific mitigation measures for wildlife and wildlife habitat, including species at risk listed in Schedule 1 of SARA or by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada; and

h. a revision log of the updates made to the EPP, the location in the EPP where each revision is found, and a justification for each revision.

7. Westcoast must, **at least 10 days prior to placing the facilities in service**, file with the CER any technical specification updates for the Project components listed in the Application. Technical specification updates are limited to differences in pipe length, diameter, wall thickness, grade, or material that do not impact any other aspect of the Project as approved.

8. Within **30 days of the date that the approved Project is placed in service**, Westcoast must file with the CER, a confirmation that the approved Project was completed and constructed in compliance with all applicable conditions in this Order. If Westcoast cannot confirm compliance with any of these conditions, Westcoast must file an explanation with the CER. The filing required by this condition must include a statement confirming that the signatory to the filing is the accountable officer of Westcoast, appointed as Accountable Officer pursuant to section 6.2 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations*.

9. This Order will expire on **31 December 2029** unless construction of the Project has commenced by that date.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CANADA ENERGY REGULATOR

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

SCHEDULE A
Order XG-012-2026

Westcoast Energy GP Inc., on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership
Application dated 14 May 2026
assessed pursuant to section 214 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*

Deadman River Crossing 5 Permanent Erosion Mitigation Project
File 7014190

Pipeline Specifications - 6BL2 Mainline (NPS 36) and 6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30)

Project Type	Modifications (Deadman River Crossing 5 Replacements)	
Location (endpoints)	At the Deadman River crossing, approximately 41 km northwest of Kamloops, British Columbia.	
Pipeline Name	6BL2 Mainline (NPS 36)	6BL1 Mainline (NPS 30)
Approximate Length	165 m	165 m
Outside Diameter	914 mm (NPS 36)	762 mm (NPS 30)
Wall Thickness	12.7 mm	15.9 mm
Pipe Material	Carbon steel	
Pipe Material Standard	CSA Z245.1	
Pipe Grade	Grade 483 MPa CAT II M5C	
Pipe Manufacture Process	Longitudinal Submerged Arc Welded	
External Coating Type	• External epoxy • Concrete coating up to induction bends	
Maximum Operating Pressure	6,454 kPa	
Product	Non-sour natural gas	