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Dear Messrs. Wolnik and Murray:

Re: The Proposed St. Clair Pipelines (1996) Ltd. ("St. Clair"), Dawn to Lake Erie Pipeline & TransCanada Pipelines Limited ("TransCanada"), Lake Erie Crossing ("Collectively referred to as the "Canadian Millennium Project" or the "Project"): Requests to Reconsider Proposed Environmental Assessment Process

In its previous letters dated 27 October and 13 November 1998, the Board had indicated that it would, in due course, finalize the scoping process which had been initiated in respect of the Canadian Millennium Project and that it intends to ensure that a comprehensive study report is conducted in accordance with paragraph 21(a) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA").

By letters dated 27 November and 10 December 1998, TransCanada and St. Clair have requested that the Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the "Agency") reconsider the Board's 27 October 1998 process determination pursuant to section 21 of the CEAA.

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The Board has considered this matter further and, pursuant to paragraph 21(b) of the CEAA, has decided to refer this matter to the Minister for referral to a review

The draft scope of environmental assessment, which has been prepared on the basis of the preliminary submissions of St. Clair and TransCanada and the comments received as a result of the scoping process undertaken to date, could be made available to the Minister and/or the Agency, as appropriate.

Yours truly,



Michel L. Mantha
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