

**Exhibit R-535**

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### **Day 2 (June 18/07)**

> Andy Sharp of the Clean Annapolis River Project sought clarity on whether or not the Whites Point marine terminal (MT) would be removed after 50 years and how the removal would comply with environmental guidelines. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.344-347) He also expressed concerns about the docking and departure of ships at the MT. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.369-370 & 403)

### **Day 3 (June 19/07)**

> Andy Sharp expressed concerns about ships berthed at the MT being able to withstand the full force of the Bay of Fundy's winds and inquired if ships would be refuelling at it. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.495-498)

> Sister Bonnie expressed her concern about oil spills from ships berthed at the MT and about those ships potentially colliding with resident endangered right whales. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.609-610)

### **Day 5 (June 21/07)**

> Lobster fisherman Kemp Stanton expressed concerns about: the shallowness of the water at the MT for such large ships; the adequacy of the marker buoys in such a high tide area; the manner in which ships would berth in windy, wavy, and foggy conditions; and the potential threat of the MT and its ships to his livelihood. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.1110-1122)

### **Day 6 (June 22/07)**

> Senior Lawrence Outhouse expressed concern about the lack of a detailed design for the MT and remarked: "To imagine that such a terminal used to dock 70,000 gross-ton ships in a competitive commercial operation could function over a 30 to 50 year period without a serious environmental accident is incredulous". (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.1386-1390)

### **Day 7 (June 23/07)**

> Local resident Susan Davis expressed concern about the MT's possible effects on the right whale. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, p.1406)

> Local resident John Scott remarked: "The building of a marine terminal on the coast of the Bay of Fundy completely exposed to the weather and the opening stance of the Bay seems foolhardy to me. No matter how well engineered it may be, the preliminary sketches of the proposed loading facility shows a structure that does not appear to be strong. I fail to see how such a structure can withstand the gargantuan forces that will be generated by wind, waves and tides on a large bulk carrier." (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.1556-1557)

> Local resident Christine Callaghan expressed concern about a possible oil spill from a ship berthed at the MT and the potential impact on resident birds. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, p.1588)

#### **Day 8 (June 25/07)**

> Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture, and Heritage's Darlene MacDonald expressed concern about the negative impact that quarry blasting and MT activity would have on visiting tourists and the risks that shipping would create for whales and whale watching operations. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, p.1744)

> Phyllis Nixon and Kim Grimard of Paradise Annapolis County Women's Institute expressed concern about the potential negative impact of the MT on endangered marine mammals. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.1848-1849)

#### **Day 9 (June 26/07)**

> Freeport resident Andy Moir complained about the lack of information on the design and impact of the MT. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, p.2080)

#### **Day 12 (June 29/07)**

> William Denton expressed several concerns based on his 18 years of experience as an east coast mariner and boat captain:

“And I guess to summarize, in my view the exposed location of the proposed terminal is not suitable for such an operation and it constitutes a safety risk to the local environment should an accident occur at the terminal while berthing or un-berthing or when loading operations are in progress.

Navigating large vessels to the proposed terminal in the manner indicated in the Proponent's EIS without tug support or local knowledge, would jeopardize safety and good seamanship.

This demonstrates a lack of knowledge of safe ship operations and places the ship operator in an awkward position.

The Proponent's EIS fails to acknowledge the extent to which the weather, tides and sea conditions in the proposed location will affect their operation, but I don't think they really understand how serious it is to try to operate a terminal of this nature in such an exposed location." (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, pp.2978-2979)

#### **Day 13 (June 30/07)**

> Bruno Marcocchio of the Sierra Club expressed concern about a MT that would jut out into the habitat of endangered right whales. (Bilcon Hearing Transcript, p.3169)