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To: Any person planning to conduct specified activities near international power lines under the jurisdiction of the Canada Energy Regulator

Order MO-040-2019 – Authorizations Order

The Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) has issued the attached Orders: Order MO-040-2019 – Authorizations Order, and Order MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order. The Authorizations Order applies to any person planning to conduct specified activities near international power lines regulated by the CER, as described in Annex 1 of MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order.

The *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (CER Act) came into force on 28 August 2019 and replaces the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act). The CER Act updates the power line damage prevention provisions that were in the NEB Act and as a result, the existing *Power Line Crossing Regulations* must be updated. The regulatory development process is ongoing and the CER appreciates the comments provided. Updates on the process will be provided when available.

As an interim measure for the safety and security of persons and the power lines, and the protection of property and the environment, the Commission has issued these Orders in relation to conducting specified activities near CER-regulated power lines.

The Authorizations Order (MO-040-2019) sets out the requirements that anyone planning to construct a facility near a power line, or to engage in an activity that would cause a ground disturbance within the prescribed area, or to operate a vehicle or mobile equipment across a power line, must follow, including obtaining authorization from the holder of the certificate of the power line.

A reciprocal Order for certificate holders, the Obligations Order (MO-041-2019), has been issued setting out the requirements for holders, including the requirement to provide responses to requests for authorization to conduct these activities, as noted above.

The Commission has issued these two Orders as it considers they are necessary for the safety and security of persons and the power lines, and the protection of property and the environment.

The Orders MO-040-2019 and MO-041-2019 are published on the CER website at <http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/bts/ctrg/gncr/index-eng.html>.

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If you have any questions or require further information on this matter, please contact Shannon Neufeld, Technical Leader, Damage Prevention, at 403-389-6244 or shannon.neufeld@cer-rec.gc.ca or Chantal Briand, Regulatory Policy Team at 403-389-1209 or chantal.briand@cer-rec.gc.ca. If you have any more general questions, you can also reach us by calling 1-800-899-1265 or sending an email to Email: DPinfo@cer-rec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Attachments: MO-040-2019 – Authorizations Order
MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order