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To: Holders of certificates for international power lines under the jurisdiction of the
Canada Energy Regulator

Order MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order

The Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) has issued the attached Orders: MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order and Order MO-040-2019 – Authorizations Order with cover letter. The Obligations Order applies to the holders of certificates for international power lines regulated by the CER, as listed in Annex 1 of the 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 updates will be provided when available. The CER appreciates the contributions from those who provided comments.

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 Obligations Order (MO-041-2019) sets out the requirements that holders must follow when a person requests an authorization to construct a facility near a power line, or to conduct an activity that would cause a ground disturbance within the prescribed area, or to operate a vehicle or mobile equipment across a power line.

A reciprocal Order (MO-040-2019) – the Authorizations Order, has been issued for those persons seeking authorization to conduct these activities, as noted above.

The Commission directs you to publish the Orders MO-041-2019 and MO-040-2019 together with the cover letters on your website and to make this information publically available.

The Commission also directs you to provide copies of the two Orders and the cover letters to those persons and stakeholders who could be potentially impacted by these Orders.

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

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 DPinfo@cer-rec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Secretary of the Commission

Attachments: MO-041-2019 – Obligations Order
MO-040-2019 – Authorizations Order and cover letter