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Dear Ms. Pineau / Ms. Gélinas:

Re: Cacouna Energy LNG Terminal Project  
CEA Registry Reference Number 04-07-7440.

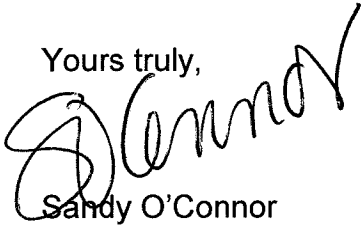
TransAlta Cogeneration L.P. and TransAlta Energy Corp. ("TransAlta") would like to submit the following brief in regards to the above noted proceeding. TransAlta is an electricity generation company with generation assets in Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Australia. In Canada, TransAlta is one of the largest non-regulated power generation and wholesale marketing companies in the country. TransAlta has approximately 9000 megawatts of capacity in operation, under construction or in development, with more than 725 MW of natural gas fired electricity generation assets in Ontario.

TransAlta believes that new sources of gas supply for Eastern Canada, such as the proposed Cacouna Energy LNG terminal project in Quebec should benefit gas users in Eastern Canada in the following ways:

- Increased security of supply.
- Increased competition for gas supply. Additional flexibility and options available to manage gas supply. This is particularly important for gas fired generators who must change their nominations often on very short notice.

TransAlta believes that TransCanada Pipelines Limited and Petro-Canada are solid companies undertaking development of this project. Based on the rationale provided above, we would support authorization of this project.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

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