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## **Backgrounder 1 – Comparison of Northern Gateway Pipeline Process to the Trans Mountain Pipeline Process**

*This Backgrounder highlights key differences between the Northern Gateway Hearings and the Trans Mountain Hearings.*

### **Northern Gateway<sup>1</sup>:**

- **Timeline:** Began in May 2010 and concluded in June 2013, the JRP board released its report in December 2013;
- **Hearing Board Composition:** The Northern Gateway Joint Review contained two members of the National Energy Board and one member appointed by the Minister of the Environment;
- **Oral Component of Hearings:** 77 days of community hearings in 21 communities, 91 days of cross examination in 3 communities, 5 days of final arguments in one community;
- **Participants:** 9000 letters of comment received, oral evidence given from 393 participants in 18 communities, oral statements from 1179 individuals in 17 communities;
- **Intervenors:** 206 – intervenors submitted evidence and written questions on evidence submitted by other parties. They also presented a final argument based on previously submitted evidence. Oral questioning of witnesses or evidence at this hearing was permitted.

### **Trans Mountain<sup>2</sup>:**

- **Timeline:** Began December 2013, must submit its report by July 2, 2015.
- **Hearing Board Composition:** Three members of the National Energy Board.
- **Oral Component of Hearings:** In August and September 2014 the NEB will hear Aboriginal Traditional Evidence. From January to March 2015, oral hearings will occur to hear final arguments. No cross-examination is permitted during this oral hearing.
- **Participants:** 1250 have commentator status – participants can submit a written comment as participation (452 had applied for intervenor status but were downgraded to commenter status; 468 applicants denied participation altogether).
- **Intervenors:** 400 – intervenors can submit evidence and written questions on evidence submitted by other parties. They can also present a final argument based on previously submitted evidence. No oral questioning of witnesses or evidence at this hearing is permitted at this point.

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<sup>1</sup> Enbridge Northern gateway Project Joint Review Panel Website

<sup>2</sup> National Energy Board Trans Mountain Pipeline Website

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