



October 26, 2007

Mr. Carl Sheppard
NWest Energy Inc.
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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

**Re: NWest Energy Inc. Geophysical Survey Program
 Western Newfoundland, 2008 - 2016
 CEA Act Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and based on the information presented in the project description “*Western Newfoundland Geophysical Survey Project Description for Exploration Licenses 1097, 1098, 1103 and 1104*” (Conestoga-Rovers & Associates 2007)”, the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that a screening level of environmental assessment is required for the proposed geophysical survey program.

The C-NLOPB has determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 1 of the Scoping Document,

The C-NLOPB intends that the environmental impact statement submitted with any supporting documents as may be necessary, will fulfill the requirements for a Screening. The C-NLOPB, therefore, pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the CEAA, formally delegate the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable Screening environmental assessment to NWest Energy Inc., the project proponent. The C-NLOPB will prepare the Screening Report, which will include the determination of significance.

During the review of the project description and draft Scoping Document, the C-NLOPB received comments. These comments are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding the CEAA environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

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Attachments

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