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Dear Mr. Hallman:

I am writing to you to request substitution pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012* (CEAA 2012) and our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Substitution of Environmental Assessments (2013).

Aurora Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd. (Proponent) is proposing to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas export facility and associated marine terminal at either Digby Island or Grassy Point near Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

In accordance with section 3 of the MOU, British Columbia requests substitution for the environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed Aurora LNG Project (proposed Project) under CEAA 2012. If substitution is approved by Minister Aglukkaq, British Columbia commits to fulfil the conditions for substitution under CEAA 2012 in accordance with section 4 of the MOU.

In addition, should Minister Aglukkaq request that British Columbia undertake procedural delegation of aboriginal consultation on behalf of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (Agency) for the proposed Project, British Columbia would be prepared to undertake that responsibility in accordance with section 5 and the Annex of the MOU.

The proposed Project is reviewable under the British Columbia Reviewable Projects Regulation (BC Reg. 720/02) and we require the Proponent to undergo provincial EA.

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I understand that a Project Description for the proposed Aurora LNG Project was submitted to the Agency on June 20, 2014 and I am aware that the Agency must first accept the Project Description and determine whether a federal EA is required before it can respond to this request for substitution.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible regarding Minister Aglukkaq's decision on this request for substitution.

Sincerely,



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