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CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Re: Surveys under the Pipeline Act

In the past, this office has received many plans of surveys where the posting does not comply with Section 175 of the general survey instructions for rights of way.

Section 1 of the Pipeline Act defines a pipeline as follows:

"pipeline" means a continuous conduit between 2 geographical locations through which oil, gas or solids is transported under pressure, and includes a company pipeline, all gathering and flow lines used in oil and gas fields to transmit oil and gas, all water injection pipelines or other pipelines used to transmit water at working pressures in excess of 3 500 kPa in oil and gas fields, all transmission lines used to transmit gas at working pressures in excess of 700 kPa, gauge, from a company pipeline to the distribution system of a public utility or a gas utility, but shall not include pipeline used in a gas distribution main as defined in the Gas Act.

Please ensure that appropriate posting is carried out for surveys of rights of way for pipelines as defined above. Where surveys are carried out in winter conditions, this office will, upon application, consider relaxing the requirements of Section 175(3).

Yours sincerely,

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Surveyor General
and Director