



Office of the Minister

**MAY 21 2013**

David Birkett  
President, Alton Natural Gas Storage LP  
1700, 355 – 4th Avenue SW  
Calgary AB T2P 0J1

Dear Mr. Birkett:

**Re: Environmental Assessment – Alton Natural Gas Pipeline, Alton, Colchester County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Alton Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Alton, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, has been completed. This approval is for the "Original Alignment" of the pipeline as described in the Focus Report and does not apply to the "Alternative Corridor" as presented in the Focus Report.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and section 18(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, N.S. Reg. 348/2008, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Alton Natural Gas Storage LP and the information provided during the government and public consultation of the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including, but not limited to, approval under Part V of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Helen MacPhail, at (902) 424-3960 or via e-mail at [macphafh@gov.ns.ca](mailto:macphafh@gov.ns.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sterling Belliveau".

Sterling Belliveau  
Minister

Encl.

c: Helen MacPhail