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**Re: Notice of Hearing
Applications No. 1456596, 1477294, 1514341 and 1514722
Peace River Oil Sands Area - Blue Sky - Gething Deposit ("Applications")
Shell Canada Energy Submission**

Shell Canada Energy ("Shell") has oil and gas interests in and around the Peace River area, including the area that is the subject of the Applications. Shell does intend to lead direct evidence in the proceedings. However, given its interests in the area, Shell expects to monitor the hearing and reserves the right to cross-examine and make final argument.

Yours truly,

for Karen Madro
Peace River Venture Leader

cc: Nicola Dahlin, Seal/Chipmunk Leader
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