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WHERE RIVERS MEET AND FRIENDS GATHER

April 29, 2025

The Honourable David Eby
Premier of the Province of British Columbia
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Dear Premier:

Council is writing on behalf of the Village of Telkwa to formally call for a comprehensive reset of Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) and an audit of the organization's operations and expenditures. The proposed increases in natural gas delivery rates, which are anticipated to take effect on May 1, 2025, have raised significant concerns among our residents, particularly families, seniors, and youth who are already facing economic hardships.

The current trajectory of PNG's rate increases will force households to make difficult choices between heating their homes and buying food during the coldest parts of the year. As such, the Village of Telkwa opposes any and all increases to PNG rates. We are particularly concerned about the projected \$200 million expenditure on the new pipeline, which has not demonstrated sufficient accountability or transparency. It is imperative that PNG be held accountable for its past decisions and operational practices that have led to this situation, including the lack of foresight that failed to ensure that forestry and other industries benefited from the new infrastructure.

Furthermore, while PNG asserts that these rate changes are necessary for the continued safety and reliability of its natural gas system, we believe that a public review of their expenditures is warranted. The purpose of the carbon tax should not be overlooked, as it adds another layer of concern regarding the recommendations put forth by PNG.

We urge the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to conduct a thorough and transparent audit of PNG's financial practices and decision-making processes. It is essential to ensure that no further financial burdens are placed on our residents and that the well being of our communities is prioritized.



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We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your prompt action in addressing our concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Dekens", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Leroy Dekens
Councillor Annette Morgan
Councillor Simon Schatt
Councillor Cathy Frenette
Councillor Lee Ewald

cc: BC Utilities Commission
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Sharon Hartwell, MLA for Bulkley-Stikine
Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
Brittney Anderson, Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities