

**NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS DISTRIBUTION ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PIPELINE ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by **EASTWARD ENERGY INC.** for a **PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES TO DELIVER NATURAL GAS IN AREAS OF** Pictou County, Nova Scotia

**BEFORE:**



Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** Eastward Energy Inc (Eastward Energy) applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (Board) on December 9, 2024, for a Permit to Construct (NG-EE-PC-195) polyethylene pipelines to deliver natural gas in areas of Pictou County, Nova Scotia;

**AND WHEREAS** Energy Consultants International Inc., the Board's certifying authority, provided its report dated January 16, 2025 to the Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has reviewed the application by Eastward Energy for the Permit to Construct;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Permit to Construct (NG-EE-PC-192) attached hereto be granted effective January 21, 2025.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
Clerk of the Board

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**WHEREAS** Eastward Energy Inc. (Eastward Energy) applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (Board) by application dated December 9, 2024, for a Permit to Construct;

**AND WHEREAS** the application seeks approval for the construction and installation of polyethylene pipelines in 2025, hereinafter referred to as the “proposed works”, to deliver natural gas in areas of Pictou County (Pictou), Nova Scotia (Pictou Service Area), whose extent includes the area labelled “HG-LO-12” on Attachment A;

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed expansions to the existing distribution system will be added to the maps available on Eastward Energy’s website throughout the year as the scope of each main extension is confirmed;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has the authority to issue a Permit to Construct pursuant to s. 9 of the *Pipeline Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 345, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** in its January 21, 2025, Order the Board approved certain modifications to Eastward Energy’s Mains Feasibility Test;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board grants to Eastward Energy a Permit to Construct for the proposed works, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Eastward Energy shall ensure that the proposed works are carried out and completed in accordance with:
  - (a) all federal, provincial and municipal laws, and in particular the *Pipeline Act* and *Pipeline Regulations (Nova Scotia)*, as amended from time to time;
  - (b) all applicable codes and standards, as amended from time to time; and

- (c) this Permit to Construct, as may be amended.
2. Eastward Energy shall provide detailed descriptions, construction drawings and other information unique to each section of the proposed work to the Board's certifying authority, Energy Consultants International Inc. (ECI), for review;
  3. Eastward Energy shall continue to obtain prior Board approval for feasibility tests of PE main extensions that do not meet previously established criteria;
  4. ECI shall audit mains feasibility tests with respect to PE main extensions;
  5. Eastward Energy shall provide reasonable notice to ECI of its intended schedule for the installation and shall permit a representative from ECI to be onsite to audit construction processes to ensure compliance with installation procedures, Integrity Management Program, Quality Assurance Program and risk assessments, including the observations of any joining processes performed in the course of the installation and pressure tests;
  6. Eastward Energy shall ensure that the specific materials to be used in the installation of the proposed works comply with all applicable codes and standards. ECI will audit specific materials used in the installation of the proposed works to confirm conformance with all applicable codes and standards and the materials' suitability for their intended purpose;
  7. Eastward Energy shall have on file for ECI to audit any revisions to the lists of approved contractors, fusion personnel or personnel qualified to work on live natural gas mains;
  8. Eastward Energy shall permit ECI, upon request, to audit Eastward Energy's adherence to its Integrity Management and Quality Assurance Programs;
  9. Eastward Energy shall maintain a file of all required permits and approvals, including, but not limited to, those from Pictou, its municipalities, and federal and/or provincial Departments, Boards, or Agencies, for review by the Board and ECI;
  10. Eastward Energy or its contractor(s) shall carry insurance coverage which is satisfactory to the Board;
  11. Eastward Energy shall continue to file separate Permit to Construct and License to Operate applications for all EP or HP steel mains construction and related facilities;
  12. Eastward Energy shall ensure that the Revenue Deficiency Account cap of \$50 million for each financial year is not exceeded by this Permit;
  13. This Permit to Construct may not be transferred or assigned;

14. This Permit to Construct may be suspended or terminated by the Board if, in the opinion of the Board, Eastward Energy or its contractor(s) breach any of its terms or conditions.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

*Crystal Henwood*  
Clerk of the Board