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Dear Laurie Welch:

Re: FortisBC's extended non-compliance with its Waste Discharge Permit for the Eagle Mountain Pipeline and associated impacts to Howe Sound

I am writing, on behalf of the Islands Trust Council, to express serious concern regarding FortisBC's prolonged non-compliance with its Waste Discharge Permit for the Eagle Mountain Pipeline and resulting impacts to Howe Sound. We are seeking an update on the actions being taken to remedy this situation and request that the BC Energy Regulator provide more information to the public regarding its compliance and enforcement efforts.

We understand that new equipment was installed and that monitoring associated with this work was expected to begin in March, 2026. However, to our knowledge, no monitoring results have been publicly released, nor has there been any indication as to whether water quality conditions have improved or whether permit compliance has been achieved.

The public expects the British Columbia Energy Regulator will uphold a high standard of environmental protection and ensure that wastewater discharges comply with approved permit conditions and applicable water quality guidelines for freshwater and marine aquatic life. *Equally important is maintaining public confidence through transparent reporting on compliance status, monitoring results, enforcement actions, and timelines for achieving compliance.*

We also expect that any consideration of increased wastewater discharge volumes will be supported by rigorous scientific assessment, including a thorough evaluation of potential cumulative impacts on the Howe Sound ecosystem and the marine mammals and other species that depend upon it.

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. As Islands Trust Council and local trust committees exercise their own authorities to preserve and protect, they rely on support from other government agencies, including British Columbia Energy Regulator to help fulfil this special mandate in the Salish Sea region for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Islands Trust Council

cc: Bowen Island Municipal Council
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