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Don Stevens, Chief  
Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk – Abenaki Nation  
156 Bacon Drive  
Shelburne, VT 05482

Re: Consent to Request to Gather Plants on TransCanada Lands

Dear Chief Stevens:

This letter authorizes the collection of plants by members of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk – Abenaki Nation (Nulhegan Abenaki), Elnu Abenaki Tribe of Vermont, and the Koasek of the Meadows on TransCanada Lands in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire for non-commercial purposes. As used herein, "TransCanada Lands" means land owned in fee by TransCanada in the vicinity of our hydroelectric and storage reservoirs (collectively, "TransCanada Lands").

The intent of the Nulhegan Abenaki is to remove plants in minimal amounts that are considered important for traditional ceremonies and medicinal purposes. All collections shall occur within the following parameters:

1. All gathering shall occur in a sustainable manner that ensures populations are the same size or larger the year following each harvest.
2. Only hand tools will be used during gathering activities.
3. No trees greater than two inches in diameter at breast height (2 in. DBH) will be felled or otherwise mortally damaged during collection activities.
4. Amounts harvested shall be able to be carried out by the person(s) collecting, in bags or baskets. Wheelbarrows, wagons or other wheeled or non-wheeled carts or devices may not be used to transport harvests on and from TransCanada property.
5. Tribe members are responsible for insuring that no species listed on Federal or State endangered, threatened, or Species of Special Concern lists is collected on TransCanada Lands. Tribe members shall consult federal and state lists before each harvest to ensure that these species are not harvested.
6. TransCanada reserves the right to prevent collection from TransCanada Lands in specified locations where the safety of tribe members or TransCanada staff, or the projects' operations could be

impacted.

7. Collecting activity on TransCanada Lands must be consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the lands consistent with any of its applicable Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licenses, conservation easement or restrictions or internal land and forest management plans or policies. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, TransCanada has the right to perform all acts required by an order of the FERC on project lands and waters.
8. Prior to any collection by tribe members, they are to notify TransCanada's Land Manager or equivalent one week before any planned harvest. TransCanada may exercise the right to accompany tribe members in the field to mark places where plants are collected. If this marking occurs, then the tribe members and TransCanada's Land Manager or equivalent will plan to revisit the area the following growing season to determine if the criteria above have been met.
9. A copy of this consent letter shall be carried by tribe members harvesting on TransCanada property.
10. The terms and conditions of this consent will remain in effect for one year and shall renew automatically at the sole discretion of TransCanada; provided that TransCanada reserves the right to terminate this consent at any time if in its judgment, it determines that the permitted activities interfere with the operation of TransCanada's business, assets and/or property.

We look forward to establishing a mutually beneficial relationship that allows tribe members to collect from TransCanada property the foods and medicines that support your long history and cultural tradition.

Very truly yours,

**TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.**

By:   
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