

Joint Decision [2026 – 001]
of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan (the “Parties”)
Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement and
Article 7(3) of Division A of the Agreement Among the Parties to the New
West Partnership Establishing the Bid Protest Mechanism

Introduction

1. Article 21(3) of the *New West Partnership Trade Agreement* (the “**NWPTA**”) and Article 7(3) of Division A of the *Agreement Among the Parties to the New West Partnership Establishing the Bid Protest Mechanism* (the “**BPM Agreement**”) allow the Parties to issue a joint decision at any time declaring their interpretation of the NWPTA or the BPM Agreement, respectively.

2. All such joint decisions shall be binding on panels and arbiters. Any subsequent decision, award, or report that is issued, either by a panel under Part IV of the NWPTA or by an arbiter under Division C of the BPM Agreement, must be consistent with any such preceding joint decision.

3. Pursuant to Article 21(3) of the NWPTA and Article 7(3) of the BPM Agreement, the Parties declare the following joint decision on the computation of the time periods prescribed in Part IV of the NWPTA and Division C of the BPM Agreement during the time period in which the administrator was unable or unavailable to act (“**Joint Decision**”).

Computation of the time periods prescribed in Part IV of the NWPTA and Division C of the BPM Agreement during the time period in which the administrator was unable or unavailable to act

4. In this Joint Decision, the “**Tolling Period**” is the period that begins on March 29, 2026, and ends ten days after the Parties give written notice on the Agreement’s designated website that a new administrator has been appointed under the NWPTA and Division A of the BPM Agreement.

5. Subject to paragraph 6, all prescribed time periods in Part IV of the NWPTA and Division C of the BPM Agreement are suspended for the duration of the Tolling Period.

6. The following time periods are not suspended by this Joint Decision:

- a) The time period in Article 24(5) of the NWPTA; and
- b) The time period in Article 2(1) of Division C of the BPM Agreement.

APPROVAL OF JOINT DECISION

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Joint Decision.