Good afternoon Senator Simons,

During my appearance this morning at the Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources, you asked when we would have been made aware that cable ferries were going to be part of the “major work order”. You were interested to see the information (as you noted, you didn’t have yourself such a list).

I’m pleased to provide you the information:
- June 2017, the government launches a consultation. In their discussion document (linked here) they highlight the fact that cable ferries would now be considered as obstructions on navigable waters in Canada;
- In August 2017, we had a conference call with Transport Canada on this issue. They confirmed during the call that cable ferries would most probably be included in the list of “major work order”;
- February 2018, C-69 is tabled – no mention of cable ferries in the supporting documentation;
- March 2018, discussion with Transport Canada officials – they confirm that a further consultation on “major work order” would take place at a later date;
- November 22, 2018, Transport Canada through the Canadian Marine Advisory Council sends a consultation. Please find, here linked, the information and list on what they believe would be included as a major work order.

I believe this answers your question. I would be happy to provide more information if needed.

Thank you for your questions and thank you and your colleagues for having us at the Committee this morning.

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