



7 August 2014

Mr. Louis Lévesque
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Transport Canada
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Re: PBO Information Request IR0158: New Bridge for the St Lawrence Project

Louis
Dear Mr. Lévesque:

Thank you for your letter dated 25 July 2014 in relation to the PBO's request for access to a non-redacted copy of the traffic and toll revenue analysis.

In that letter, you wrote that:

As per section 79.3(2)(b) of the [*Parliament of Canada*] Act, we cannot disclose Chapter 7: Traffic and Revenue Forecasts and Appendix A of the Report as it is contained in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

Regardless of whether the redacted sections were reproduced in a confidence of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, section 79.3(2)(b) does not apply because the documents are also contained in another record, namely the report.

This information is required for the performance of the PBO's mandate because revenue forecasts are essential to estimating the financial cost of a project which includes a significant cost-recovery component.

Please provide the non-redacted copy of the report.

Yours sincerely,

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