

Monday, May 10th, 2010

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre
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Attn. Messrs. Alan Ehrlich, Martin Hafele, & Vern Christensen

Re. Final Submission for the Proposed Taltson Hydro Expansion Project

Dear Sirs,

Despite an informal meeting with Mr. Dan Grabke, Managing Director, Deze Energy, and in conjunction with Deze Energy's responses to our information requests, we are still concerned that a decision about the final route selection will be made outside of a forum and process that guarantees transparency and public scrutiny. As a result of this consultation, we remain resolved and wish to re-state that our original concerns still apply and we urge you to revisit and provide accommodation to our previous recommendations.

Our concerns with this project as a whole, and including the Reliance adjustment, go beyond concerns from the perspective of local property interests. It should be clear to the board at this juncture that this area is sacred to many user groups and Canadians in general. The long-term wilderness value of the Reliance area and the East Arm in general is truly a Canadian "Jewel" worthy of preservation in its present un-spoiled state for future generations to enjoy.

We wish to restate that the hydroelectric transmission line from Taltson River to the diamond mines should not be routed through the proposed National Park, and that alternate routing options would benefit a broader audience of community and mining interests. We believe that Deze has an obligation to serve these broader needs of the Northwest Territories as it is a publicly funded venture.

In the event that a transmission line is authorized to be routed through the proposed National Park, it should not be allowed to follow the Reliance Adjustment. Although Deze has alluded to the creation of a routing committee, there is no guarantee that the Reliance Adjustment Route is "off the table", further there is no indication as to when such a routing committee will be established, its constituency, the weight of its recommendations, and the public access to knowledge about their recommendations. Moreover, Deze is not contemplating that there would be any representation from the public, local & business owners, or interest/environmental groups. We hereby offer representation on this proposed committee.

We are confident that there remains an obligation to consult and accommodate all parties concerned.

We are appreciative of the Board's due consideration in your deliberation of this important matter of national concern.

Sincerely,

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c/c Letha MacLachlan, Q.C.