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Source: *North Slave Métis Alliance*

To: Developer, MVEIRB

Subject: *Community Engagement*

Preamble

The Terms of Reference for the Developer's Assessment Report required Deze' to specify the methods used to identify, inform and solicit input from potentially interested parties and persons, as well as a description of issues that remain unresolved, and efforts to resolve them. It also required a discussion of the developer's community engagement plan dealing specifically with the holders of Aboriginal and Treaty rights in the project area. The concordance table provided following the executive summary indicates that this information should be found in Chapter 3 (Community Engagement) and Chapter 6 (Development Description).

We are, however, unable to locate any reference to methodology for identification of potentially interested parties or persons in the North Slave Region, or any plan for engagement of aboriginal and treaty rights holders in the North Slave Region. There is no description of the issues identified by the North Slave Métis Alliance, so far, or any discussion of mitigation measures or efforts to resolve identified and other potential issues.

The traditional territory of the indigenous North Slave Métis overlaps the South Slave Region from the south shore of the Great Slave Lake, near Fort Resolution, northwards and eastwards towards the Thelon Game Sanctuary, including the area of Nonacho Lake and the proposed East Arm National Park. The transmission line and the new winter roads cross through our territory. The switchyards and substations are also proposed to be placed within our territory. The North Slave Métis Alliance has had meetings and other correspondence with Deze about the extent of our territory, and our concerns, yet there is no mention of these discussions, concerns, or mitigations in the DAR.

Request

Please explain the methodology for identifying and soliciting input from potentially interested parties and persons in the North Slave Region.

Please report on community engagement efforts and results with the North Slave Métis Alliance, including mitigation commitments and unresolved issues.

Please discuss the community engagement plan for the North Slave Métis.