



EA 0708-007

Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project

March 15, 2010

To: All Parties

Re: Additional assessment of Kache/ Ft. Reliance Route Alternative

The Review Board met on Friday March 12th, 2010, to discuss the Requests for Rulings from Parks Canada and Natural Resources Canada. After considering the evidence on the record and the comments received regarding these requests, the Review Board has decided to extend its assessment of the Kache/ Ft. Reliance route alternative. Detailed reasons for this decision will be issued shortly.

The public record will remain closed for all issues regarding the Taltson extension and transmission line with the exception of Kache/ Ft. Reliance route alternative. For this part of the transmission line only, the environmental assessment will proceed as follows:

Clarifying the Proposal

Deze Energy (Deze) has yet to clearly indicate what it is proposing. Deze has identified various alternatives around the easternmost tip of Great Slave Lake, and now has information from parties that may help it identify where it proposes to run the transmission line and how it proposes to do so. Parties and the Review Board require clarity on this. Deze is also encouraged to provide any other information that will be useful to other parties regarding potential impacts of its proposed activities in this area. The developer is asked to provide this by 5:00 pm on Friday, **March 26th**, 2010.

Information Requests

Parties will have two weeks to consider the proposed route and propose information requests to the developer or any other parties. The deadline for submitting proposed information requests to the Review Board is **noon** on Monday, **April 12th**, 2010. The deadline for responses to these information requests is 5:00 pm on Monday, **April 26th**, 2010.

Final Submissions

Parties will have two weeks to analyze and evaluate the responses to the information requests and to provide their final submissions to the Review Board. The deadline for final submissions from parties besides the developer is 5:00 pm on Monday, **May 10th**, 2010. The deadline for final submissions from the developer is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **May 12th**, 2010.



Parties are reminded that they are free to meet with one another to discuss and hopefully resolve issues at any time, and are requested to report on such meetings in the format previously provided by the Review Board. Format instructions are posted on the Review Board website titled "Template for Meeting Report", dated October 5th, 2009.

(http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/project_detail.php?project_id=68&doc_stage=14)

The Review Board wishes to ensure that parties have adequate opportunity to provide their views regarding the Kache/ Ft. Reliance route alternative. No documents pertaining to other subjects will be added to the public registry.

Sincerely,

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