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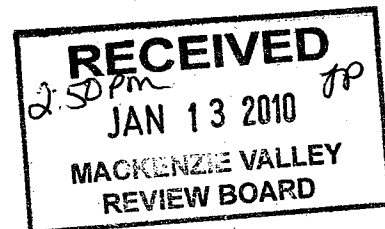
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**Deninu Kue First Nation  
Presentation for  
Deze Energy  
Proposed Development  
For the  
Taltson River  
Hydro Expansion Project**

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The Akaitcho Dene of Deninu Kue First Nation has always used the land and water in our traditional territory in a manner respectful to our costumes and values. We need to protect the land and water for future generations ***"as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow and the grass grows"***.

The Crown entered into Treaty making with our ancestors at Deninu Kue in 1900; Our ancestors entered into Treaty making with the understanding that it is for ***"as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow and the grass grows"*** The constitution act of 1982 section 35(1) states that *"existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed"*.

The spirit, meaning and intent of 1900 Treaty guaranteed the right of Deninu Kue First Nation members to access the lands and water of their traditional territory for subsistence, **economic**, cultural and spiritual practices.

DKFN has been involved with Deze Energy Taltson Hydro Expansion Project since the onset. DKFN Current leadership and leadership in the past have always supported the Deze Energy Taltson Hydro Expansion project.

With the cumulative impacts from the multiple exploration programs and mining projects in the north and specifically in Akaitcho Territory, DKFN sees the Taltson Hydro Expansion project as mitigation to help reduce the cumulative impact occurring in the Akaitcho Territory. It maybe a small reduction, but in this day and age I believe any reduction is a good reduction.

Our traditional lifestyle has been impacted extremely by development and other factors for the past 100 years. As Akaitcho Dene we still continue to practice our cultural values and traditions and continue to receive sustenance from hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering in which is provided from the land and water.

Our land, Water and animals are a critical part of our life style but also as we move into the second decade of the millennium, we need to remind ourselves that we are not living solely on the land, water and animals as our late ancestors and elders have done. Development of any type takes energy; it only makes sense to use renewable energy to lessen the impact.

Deze Energy have done a great job in providing a full outline of how the issues of concerns during the Environmental Assessment process, such as; community scoping sessions to the technical session have been brought forward though its Developer's Assessment Report. DKFN supports Deze Energy's efforts to reduce impact that occur thought out the approved land use permits and water licenses and beyond.

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Deze Energy has set high standards for Industry and proposed development within the Akaitcho Territory and the North as a whole. Development in the north is at full force with a pipeline for natural gas given the green light, three diamond mines, multiple exploration projects, hydro projects, winter roads, etc. DKFN does not believe this one renewable energy project will cause adverse environmental impacts to the Akaitcho Territory, as other development has in the past and present.

Social and economical Impacts are a concern but as this project moves forward the Akaitcho Dene Member First Nations will benefit both short and long term as will Canada in its plan to reduce carbon emissions in general.

Our future is our children let's work together and lessen any possible impacts from all development.

Marsi cho!