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Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project: Dezé Energy Corporation

*MVEIRB Environmental Assessment
(EA 0708-007)*

Parks Canada
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Outline

- Parks Canada's Interest
- Parks Canada's issues noted through the EA
 - Protection of cultural and ecological sites
 - Visitor and Wilderness Experience

Proposed National Park Reserve in the East Arm area

1960's National Park proposed

1970/1997 Permanent Land Withdrawal Order

2007 Interim Land Withdrawal Order

- included exemption for transmission line and ancillary facilities

Study Area for Proposed National Park



Status of Park Establishment Process

- Parks Canada and Lutsel K'e Dene FN nearing completion in negotiating a Framework Agreement for process of establishing a national park reserve
- Parks Canada and Northwest Territory Metis Nation also negotiating a Framework Agreement

Parks Canada's Interests raised during the EA

- Ecological integrity and the preservation of cultural resources of the national park reserve
- Park aesthetics and visitor wilderness experience within the proposed park

Cultural and ecologically sensitive sites

Goal: Accurate identification and avoidance of sites

Deze Response:

- DAR noted intent to include archaeological assessments and guidance manual to construction crews.

Recommendations:

- Qualified assessments prior to construction;
- Qualified monitors during construction;
- PC notification of sites

Wilderness Experience/Viewscape

Goal: Mitigate impacts to viewscape and wilderness experience

Deze Response

- DAR noted intent to identify route in consultation with Lutsel Ke.
- Further commitments to investigate tower types, graphical representation of towers in consultation with PC

Recommendation:

- Deze Energy include PC in areas where project components will be within park boundaries

Summary of recommendations

- Prior to construction, assessments should be made by qualified people in areas of high potential for important cultural sites
- During construction, environmental monitors should be on site, with training and/or appropriate qualifications to identify important cultural sites or sensitive ecological sites
- Information on identified sites should be supplied to Parks Canada
- Parks Canada should be included in discussions regarding final route selection and other components within park boundaries