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Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project

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Teresa Joudrie Director, Renewable Resources and Environment Box 1500, Yellowknife NT X1A 2R3

Dear Ms. Joudrie,

## Re: Consultation and the Taltson Reliance route alternative

Your April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 letter asked whether the Review Board will be notifying Aboriginal groups regarding the possible Reliance route adjustment of the transmission line proposed by Deze Energy (Deze).

The Review Board notes that all Aboriginal groups identified by INAC were included in the Review Board's original notification of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Interested groups were invited to subscribe to the Review Board website if they wish to be notified of every document posted to the public registry.

When Deze identified the Reliance route adjustment, the Review Board placed it on the public registry and posted it on its website on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A public notice including a map was published in News North at that time to notify any interested parties that had not subscribed via the Review Board website.

If INAC is of the view that further consultation of specific Aboriginal groups is required to meet the Crown's consultation responsibilities, it is encouraged to conduct those consultations as it sees necessary. The Review Board notes that all of the Aboriginal groups mentioned in your letter were copied on your distribution list.

Sincerely,

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