

EA1314-02

Snap Lake Amendment Project

May 30, 2014

Note to File

Re: Participation of Ms. Yvonne Doolittle as a member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board for the Snap Lake Water Licence Amendment Environmental Assessment

Dear parties:

On May 8, 2014, Ms. Yvonne Doolittle was appointed by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada as a member of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board ("Review Board"). Ms. Doolittle was nominated by the Sahtu First Nation.

This is to notify you that Yvonne Doolittle is the Regional Superintendent of Municipal and Communities Affairs for the North Slave District ("MACA") within the Government of the Northwest Territories. After carefully reviewing the relevant case law and the facts, it is the Review Board's view that Ms. Doolittle's employment does not raise an issue of reasonable apprehension of bias in terms of carrying out her duties as a member of the Review Board in connection with the Snap Lake water licence amendment hearing scheduled to commence on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

Nevertheless, the Review Board is requesting the written views of the parties on this matter by no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. In particular, if you are of the view that Ms. Doolittle's employment with MACA does create a reasonable apprehension of bias in carrying out her duties as a member of the Review Board, please provide the Review Board with relevant arguments, cases and other supporting documents by the time and date set out immediately above.

If the Review Board does not hear from you prior to the commencement of the hearing, we will assume you do not object to Ms. Doolittle sitting as a member of the Review Board.

Yours truly,
(original signed by)

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