

Aug. 24, 2006

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Re: Paramount Seismic EA – Final Comments Deadline

In the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation's (Ka'a'gee Tu) June 28th Motion for Ruling, we had suggested 4 weeks between the conclusion of the 2nd IR round and the submission of the final comments. In its decision on our Motion, the Review Board established the submission date for IR responses as Aug. 18th with the Ka'a'Gee Tu's final comments due on Sept. 8th. Although this was only 3 weeks instead of the 4 weeks that we had suggested in our Motion, we were prepared to proceed on this basis. However, the Review Board then delayed the issuance of the 2nd round IRs and, with no input from us, changed the dates for IRs responses to Aug. 24th and final comments to Sept. 13th.

Unilaterally setting dates with no input from the major EA participants is just a recipe for problems and has again created one for us. When the Review Board established the dates for IRs responses and final comments in its decision on our Motion, we proceeded to schedule other work and events around these dates and we do not have the capacity or ability to just change these other commitments. In my circumstances, I already have other commitments for the week of Sept. 9th to 15th that will take me out of the North and unavailable for work on this file.

In effect, due to the Review Board's delay in issuing the 2nd round IRs, our 3 weeks between IR responses and submission of final comments has been reduced back to 2 weeks (Aug. 24th to Sept. 8th), which was basically what we had back when we filed our Motion.

In light of the fact that this problem has been created by a delay in the Review Board completing its work, the Ka'a'Gee Tu are requesting an extension of the submission of final comments from the Ka'a'Gee Tu to Sept. 21st.

While the Ka'a'Gee Tu can appreciate the Review Board's desire to have all final submissions for the Board's Sept. 20th -21st meetings, the Ka'a'Gee Tu respectfully suggest that the Review Board should have completed its task of issuing the 2nd round IRs in keeping with its own schedule and avoided further scheduling difficulties.

Sincerely,

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