

May 13, 2009

To the Distribution List:

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board will host a technical session on **May 27-28, 2009** at the Tree of Peace Friendship Centre in Yellowknife, NT. This technical session will be a forum for participants in the environmental assessment of the Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project to discuss the Developers Assessment Report and to identify where additional information is needed for the upcoming Information Request submissions. The event is aimed mostly at the parties to the assessment but is open to the public.

The primary goal of the technical session is to identify three categories of issues:

1. Issues that have been identified, well-described and resolved in the Developer's Assessment Report
2. Issues that have been identified and well-described (requiring no further information to make an accurate impact prediction) but remain unresolved or not mitigated
3. Issues that require additional information and are not resolved (may become Information Requests)

The session will follow the format of the Terms of Reference that were issued for this environmental assessment, which are available online [here](#). A draft agenda is attached to this letter and states that Day 1 will focus on the Key Lines of Inquiry as set out in the Terms of Reference and Day 2 will focus on the Subjects of Note. If you have any suggestions or comments on the draft agenda, please forward them to me before Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Technical sessions are an opportunity to look at the Developers Assessment Report and critically evaluate whether it accurately identifies impacts, appropriately analyzes the significance of those



impacts and whether the developers proposed mitigation is appropriate and effective. By conducting this evaluation in a public forum, participants are able to share ideas and find points of agreement or disagreement, as well as perhaps to resolve outstanding issues or problems with the proposed development. Participants may present evidence that is not contained in the Developers Assessment Report to illustrate their concerns, and this evidence may be scientific or in the form of traditional knowledge or personal experience. Further information on the purpose of a technical session may be found online at the Review Board's web site in the [Reference Library](#), in our step-by-step through the process section.

Thank you for your continued participation in this environmental assessment. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact me by telephone at (867) 766-7066 or by email.

Best regards,

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TECHNICAL SESSION – DAY 1

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tree of Peace Friendship Centre (Large Boardroom)

Agenda

9:15-9:45 AM

Introduction by Review Board

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Discussion of the objectives of the technical session
- Agenda & format review

9:45-10:30 AM

Developer's Presentation

- Overview of the Key Lines of Inquiry
- Discussion of their assessment approach & methodology

10:30-10:45 AM

Break

10:45-12:00 PM

Discussion

12:00-1:15 PM

Lunch

1:15-3:00 PM

Discussion

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

3:15-4:30 PM

Discussion

4:30-4:45 PM

Wrap-up

TECHNICAL SESSION – DAY 2

Thursday, May 28, 2009

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tree of Peace Friendship Centre (Large Boardroom)

Agenda

9:15-9:45 AM

Introduction by Review Board

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Discussion of the objectives of the technical session
- Review of Day 1
- Agenda & format review

9:45-10:30 AM

Developer's Presentation

- Overview of the Subjects of Note
- Discussion of their assessment approach & methodology

10:30-10:45 AM

Break

10:45-12:00 PM

Biophysical subjects of note

12:00-1:15 PM

Lunch

1:15-3:00 PM

Socio-economic subjects of note

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

3:15-4:30 PM

Sustainability & Cumulative effects

4:30-4:45 PM

Wrap-up