



May 13, 2010

Chief Antoine Michel
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Dear Chief Michel:

**RE: Lutsel'Ke Dene First Nation Final Submission
Proposed DEZE Transmission Route**

Thank you for your First Nation's final submission on the DEZE Energy Corporation's proposed transmission route for its Taltson Expansion Project. This submission which was received May 10th, 2010 will be reviewed by the Board before a decision is made.

I note from my review of your submission, however, that you have raised some concerns about conflict of interest among Board members (pages 3 and 4 of your submission). In particular you allege conflicts by Mr. Wah-Shee and Mr. Bohnet. For the record, I have responded to your concerns below. This letter will be placed on the public registry for this proceeding.

Mr. Wah-Shee is, as you indicate, a member of the board of the NWT Power Corporation which is the parent corporation of DEZE. As a result, Mr Wah-Shee declared a conflict in relation to this file and he has not participated in any Review Board discussion or deliberations in relation to the DEZE Environmental Assessment.

Mr. Bohnet is on the executive of the NWT Metis Development Corporation (MDC), however, the MDC does not have any financial or other interest in the DEZE project or in the DEZE Energy Corporation as alleged in your letter of May 10th. The shareholders of the MDC are individual Metis throughout the Northwest Territories. The NWT Metis Nation is not a shareholder of the MDC. The MDC's current business interests are in tourism and real estate operations and they are not involved in any resource development or energy development projects.

I trust that this information will allay any concerns you may have about the independence of the Board and its members. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vern Christensen".

Vern Christensen
Executive Director

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