



Government of Northwest Territories / Gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest
Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board

File MV2011L4-0002

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Dear Ms. Cli-Michaud:

Type "A" Water Licence MV2011L4-0002 - Northwest Territories Power Corporation - Taltson Twin Gorges Hydroelectric Generating Station, NT

Thank you for your letter dated August 10, 2017 (received August 11, 2017) in relation to your recommendation for approval of an updated Type "A" water licence MV2011L4-0002 for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation's Taltson Twin Gorges Hydroelectric Generating Station, NT.

As you are aware, I have taken additional time to conduct a more thorough review of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's (Board) decision pertaining to a compensation claim filed against this undertaking. Compensation claims are unique in nature and must be considered individually on a case-by-case basis.

I would agree as noted by the Board that the factual circumstances related to this decision are likely very rare. As you are aware, it is my responsibility as Minister of Environment and Natural Resources to ensure that the process run by the Board has been conducted in a fair and transparent manner and that this decision is in accordance with the provisions and broad authorities granted the Board by the *Waters Act*.

I am writing to inform you that I have approved the amended compensation provision in water licence MV2011L4-0002 as recommended by the Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert C. McLeod
Minister
Environment and Natural Resources