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File: MV2019F0015 and  
MV2019L8-0008

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Dear Ms. Deneron,

**Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Application for Land Use Permit and Water Licence**  
**Taltson Winter Road – Northwest of Fort Smith, NT**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on July 22, 2019 and considered the Applications from Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) for Type A Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2019F0015 and Type B Water Licence (Licence) MV2019L8-0008 for the Taltson Winter Road Project in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on these Applications and the public review. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed as per section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the project to environmental assessment. The Preliminary Screening Report includes the Board's reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA (attached).

To fulfill the pause period established by section 125 of the MVRMA, the Board understands that any referral to environmental assessment must take place by end of day on Thursday August 1, 2019. If the Board does not receive notice of referral, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit MV2019F0015 and Licence MV2019L8-0008 on Friday August 2, 2019.

Our Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Shelagh Montgomery at (867) 766-7457 or email [smontgomery@mvlwb.com](mailto:smontgomery@mvlwb.com).

Yours sincerely,



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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report, including Reasons for Decision