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TECHNICAL SESSION AGENDA

Northwest Territories Power Corporation – Bluefish Power Generation Facility
MV2020L4-0005

Dates: September 22-23, 2020
8:30 AM - ~4:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Video Conference

Information: [Zoom Meeting Information:](#)
If you would like to join, please contact either Tyree Mullaney at 867-447-4643 or via email at tyree@mvlwb.com or Sean Joseph at (867) 766-7469 or via email at sjoseph@mvlwb.com for participation details.

Logistics for Remote Technical Session:

- Technology does not always cooperate and run smoothly. All participants should prepare their computers, screens, microphones, camera, and phone ahead of time to ensure those devices are functioning properly, fully charged, or plugged in.
- A remote Technical Session can cause participation fatigue. Board staff appreciate participant's civility, professionalism, cooperation, communication, and collaboration during the session.
- The Zoom web browser client will download automatically when the participant starts or joins the first Zoom meeting, and is also available for manual download [here](#). Please download the web browser client **before** the Technical Session to avoid delays to us getting underway.
- If a participant is unfamiliar with Zoom, access the Zoom user tutorials [here](#) to prepare for your participation.
- If a participant only wishes to participate via teleconference or if the internet is unstable, simply call one of the dial-in numbers listed above or only participate by audio.
- Each participant should enter their display name and their respective organization when joining the Zoom meeting.
- There will be a facilitator assigned to the Technical Session who will guide the order of the presentations, turn-taking, time limits, and any need for participants to take a break. To minimize disruption to the Technical Session, please follow the facilitator's instructions on turn-taking, and only speak when the facilitator has indicated it is your turn. Each organization/participant will be given opportunity to speak.
- If a participant would like to speak or have a follow-up question, use the [Zoom group chat](#) to let the facilitator know, and the participant will be added to the speaking order.

- To minimize background noises and feedback, please always keep your microphone/headset muted when you are not speaking. Only **unmute** yourself when the facilitator has indicated it is your turn to speak.
- The representative of each organization is the liaison for all participants in that organization. Please ensure that you have provided the contact information of the representative of your organization to Board staff prior to the Technical Session getting underway (or to the facilitator at the start of the Technical Session if not known in advance).
- In the event of a disruption to the Technical Session or technological difficulties, Board staff will contact the representative of your organization by cell phone, text, or e-mail to communicate the contingency plan if necessary.
- If a participant is having technical difficulties, the participant should notify the representative of your organization. The representative should contact Board staff directly, or by using the chat option of Zoom, so that the Technical Session can be paused in order to resolve the technical issues.
- The Zoom meeting will be recorded to ensure the transcription is accurate.
- Please state your name and organization before you speak **each time** to ensure the session is accurately transcribed.
- [Screen Sharing](#) in Zoom can be used during presentations. Either the facilitator or the presenter can share the screen to display the material. Presenters should state the document name and page numbers to ensure all participants can follow along.
- Before the Technical Session, participants should download all the documents, such as presentations from the MVLWB Public Registry ([MV2020L4-0005](#)), to avoid delays to the session. This is especially important if a participant is only dialing in by phone, and not participating via video conference.
- [Breakout rooms](#) in Zoom will be available during the Technical Session for each organization to chat amongst themselves if necessary. For example, if the proponent and their consultants would like to have a discussion before responding to a question, the breakout room can be used during a recess.
- **Please do not record the Technical Session or take screen captures.**

Purpose:

This technical session is meant to provide a forum where parties can discuss their concerns about the applications directly with the proponent and its consultants. It is the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's (Board) hope that such a discussion, as facilitated by Board staff, will increase each party's understanding of the issues as well as the perspectives of others. In our experience, technical sessions can be useful both in focussing the content of parties' subsequent interventions to the public hearing and in reducing the number of outstanding issues between parties. Although it would be helpful if some issues are resolved during the session, there is no requirement to do so; Board staff will guide questions and discussions to ensure parties have sufficient information to submit evidence that the Board can use to establish eventual water licence conditions. Discussions at the technical session may also reveal the need for further information requests of the proponent or other parties. The work-plan for this review process includes time for parties to fulfill information requests, if required, prior to the deadline for public hearing interventions.

Please note that the technical session is not a public hearing and Board members and their legal counsel will not be participating. It is the Board's wish that the technical session be as informal as possible in order to promote discussion. Final recommendations for the Water Licence should be made in the formal written interventions submitted to the Board prior to the public hearing.

Agenda:

See below

Agenda for Day 1 – September 22, 2020

All times are approximate. Northwest Territories Power Corporation will provide short introductory presentations prior to each topic listed below to help initiate discussion. Participants are encouraged to have questions prepared in advance for each topic and to take the opportunity to follow up on issues raised in the [Review Comment Table](#). Reference to specific items from the Review Comment Table is provided in the agenda below.

Please note that the following abbreviations are used to indicate the reviewers that provided comments in the Review Comment Table

Abbreviation	Reviewer
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ENR	GNWT Environment and Natural Resources
MVLWB	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
NSMA	North Slave Métis Alliance
NTPC	Northwest Territories Power Corporation
TG	Tłı̨chǫ Government

Time	Topics	Review Comments References
8:30 – 9:00	Join Meeting via Zoom (audio and/or video)	
9:00 – 9:20	Round Table Introductions and Opening Statements (Board staff)	
9:20 – 9:40	Project Description - Project Overview by Northwest Territories Power Corporation	
9:40 – 4:00 (Break is scheduled as required)	Spill Contingency Plan	ECCC: ID-1 ENR: ID-9, 10, 11, 12
	Aquatic Effects Monitoring	ENR: ID-3 NSMA: ID-2
	Scope of Undertaking	ENR: ID-1
	Flow Monitoring Report/Plan	ENR: ID-4
	General Monitoring	ENR: ID-2
	Surveillance Network Program	ENR: ID-7, 8
	Dam Safety Review	MVLWB: ID-1
	Waste Management Plan	ENR: ID-13 TG: ID-2
	Minimum Flow	ENR: ID-6
	Operations, Maintenance and Surveillance Manual	MVLWB: ID-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	Environmental Studies Screening Level Environmental Assessment	ENR: ID-5 MVLWB: ID-8, 9, 10
	Mercury Monitoring Program	TG: ID-1
	Fisheries Authorization	DFO: ID-1-8
	Final Comments – Information Request	
Meeting adjourned		