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VIA EMAIL

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Fort Providence and Kakisa Power Line Project – GNWT-INF approval to work within Highways 1, 2, & 3 Right-of-Way

Dear Ms. Mullaney,

I am writing to confirm the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) Department of Infrastructure authority over the area of the proposed Fort Providence / Kakisa Transmission Line Project (the Project) in the Northwest Territories Highways 1, 2 and 3 rights-of-way, and therefore, being also the proponent, has no issues with the Project development within those highways rights-of-way.

As you are aware, the Project is a proposed 170 km transmission line to connect Dory Point and the communities of Fort Providence and Kakisa to the Taltson Hydroelectric system at an interconnection point near Hay River. The Project will be constructed entirely within the highway right-of-way corridor between those locations.

Highways 1, 2, and 3 are Designated Highways pursuant to the Northwest Territories *Highway Designation and Classification Regulations* under the *Public Highways Act*, and fall under the administration of the GNWT Department of Infrastructure. Under the *Public Highways Act*, the GNWT Department of Infrastructure also administers access to these designated highways.

I trust this meets the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's request for confirmation that the Project will have access to the Highways 1, 2, and 3 rights-of-way for construction and operation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Loretta Ransom at (867)-767-9021 extension 32030 or loretta_ransom@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Cronk', with a long, sweeping underline.

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