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File: N1L4-0150

Matthew Miller
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4 Capital Drive,
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Sent by email

Dear Matthew Miller,

Re: Exception to Minimum Water Levels – Approved – Snare Hydroelectric Facilities – Power – Snare River Watershed, NT

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on April 19, 2023 and considered the Northwest Territories Power Corporation's (NTPC) request for exception to the minimum water level listed in Part C, Condition 2(a) of Water Licence N1L4-0150 (the Licence),¹ submitted on February 17, 2023.² Specifically, NTPC requested the minimum daily mean water level to be lowered to 217.6 meters (instead of 217.9 meters) from May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, and for no more than 90-120 days.

The Board understands that the exception is being requested due to low water levels and flows throughout the Snare River Basin, and the environmental effects of the exception would be considered negligible and within normal inter-annual variation, similar to a previous request in 2014.³ During the public review of the request, NTPC clarified that the duration would not exceed 120 days.⁴ In an effort to avoid impacts to fall spawning fish, NTPC revised the end of the timing window for the request to September 15, 2023.⁵

¹ See WLWB Online Registry at www.wlwb.ca/ for [N1L4-0150 - NTPC - Water Licence - Rectification of Clerical Errors - Aug 30 22](#).

² See WLWB Online Registry for [N1L4-0150 - NTPC - Exception to Minimum Water Levels Request - Feb 17 23](#).

³ See WLWB Online Registry for [N1L4-0150 - NTPC - Exception to Minimum Water Levels Request](#) " Nov 17 14 and [N1L4-0150 - NTPC - Exception to Minimum Water Levels - Board Directive and Reasons for Decision - Jan 30 15](#).

⁴ See WLWB Online Review System for [Snare Hydroelectric Facilities – Exception to Minimum Water Levels](#), see GNWT-ENR comment 1

⁵ See WLWB Online Review System for [Snare Hydroelectric Facilities – Exception to Minimum Water Levels](#), see TG comment 1

Based on the information provided by NTPC and the outcome of the public review, the Board hereby reduces the minimum daily mean water level in Part C, Condition 2(a) to 217.6 meters (714.0 ft) from May 1, 2023 to September 15, 2023. This minimum water level exception applies for a maximum of 120 days within that timeframe.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding this letter to Ryan Fequet in writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mason Mantla', written in a cursive style.

Mason Mantla
Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board
BCC'd to: Wek'èezhìi Distribution List