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File No.: Snare Cascades

Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
1-4905 48th Street
Yellowknife, NT

Attention: Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin, Chair

Dear Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin:

RE: Renewal of Water Licence Number MV2003L4-20014: Storage and Diversion of Water for a Hydroelectric Power Undertaking, and Associated Uses at the Snare Cascade, Northwest Territories

Please accept the enclosed application from the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) on behalf of the Dogrib Power Corporation (DPC) for renewal of Water Licence number MV2003L4-20014 (the Licence).

Enclosed with this letter are the following materials as outlined in 1-8 below:

1. The Application form (two hard copies and one digital copy);
2. The Hydroelectric Questionnaire to Accompany the Water License Renewal Application to the Board and responses;
3. Two detailed maps identifying the project site in relation to local geographical features;
4. Snare Hydroelectric Dam Safety Review 2011;
5. Snare Hydroelectric Dam Safety Review 2006;
6. Snare Hydroelectric Facility Spill Contingency Plan December 2013;
7. Emergency Preparedness Plan January 2014;
8. Engagement Record February 2014;
9. Engagement Plan February 2014;
10. A copy of the 2004 water license, issued by Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Stephen Neilson, Interim Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.
11. A cheque payable to the Board in the amount of \$30.00 for application fee.

Other related supporting documentation is available either on the Public Registry and or upon request.

We respectfully submit that the renewal of the Licence is exempt from the preliminary screening requirements. Part 1, item 2 in Schedule 1 (Section 2) of the *Exemption List Regulations* annexed to subsection 143(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) states that an application for renewal is exempt from preliminary screening if:

- (a) the development has not been modified; and
- (b) has fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* or the *Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order*.

As evidence, please find attached the water licence issued by Honorable Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Stephen Nielson, Interim Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Northwest Territories, dated 9 November 2004, in particular, see its *Reasons for Decision*. There has not been any modification to the scope of the original Water Licence, N1L4-1624, or the current Licence, MV2003L4-0014.

We trust the foregoing and supporting documents enclosed will permit the Board to process the renewal application, however, should the Board have any question or concerns regarding our application, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,



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