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Richard Johnstone
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Sent by email

Dear Richard Johnstone,

Re: Extension Request for Septic Fields Special Study – Approved – Snare Hydroelectric Facility - Power – Snare River, NT

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on July 29, 2024 and considered Northwest Territories Power Corporation's (NTPC's) request to extend the deadline for the submission of the Septic Fields Special Study (the Study),¹ as required by Water Licence (Licence) W2023L4-0001. Under Part F, Condition 16 of NTPC's Snare Hydro License, NTPC is required to submit the Study to the Board for approval 90 days after issuance of the Licence. The Study is to be in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 5, Condition 2.

The purpose of the Study is to verify whether there is a potential for an indirect or direct deposit of waste from the septic fields that are located by the Snare River.² The requirement for the Study was included in NTPC's renewed Licence in response to discussions from the Licence renewal proceeding. NTPC had proposed to submit the Study 90 days after issuance of the Licence and the Board did not receive any comments from Parties specifically related to the timing of the submission during the public review of the draft Licence.

¹ See WLWB Online Registry for [Snare Hydro - Septic Field Study - Extension Request - Jul 8 24.pdf](#)

² See WLWB Online Registry for [Snare Hydro - WL Renewal Application - Recommendation to Minister and Reasons for Decision - Apr 9 24.](#)

On July 8, 2024, NTPC requested that the Study be submitted on November 30, 2024 instead of 90 days after the License was issued (i.e., 90 days after May 16, 2024). NTPC indicated that it was requesting this extension due to staffing issues and that the extension would not have any effect on existing management plans.

The Board is of the opinion that the requested extension is reasonable in consideration of staffing issues, and given no comments related to the timing of the submission were raised during the renewal proceeding. Therefore, the Board approves the extension request to the submission deadline of the Septic Fields Special Study to November 30, 2024.

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

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