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File: W2019Q0003

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Sent by email

Dear Matthew,

Re: Snare Hydroelectric Facility – Discontinuance – Land Use Permit W2019Q0003 – Snare River, NT

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (Board) met on December 21, 2021 and considered the Northwest Territories Power Corporation's (NTPC's) request to discontinue Land Use Permit (Permit) W2019Q0003 for quarrying activities at the Snare Hydroelectric Facility in accordance with section 37 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR).

The Board has amended the expiry date of the Permit to January 4, 2022 as requested, which is reflected in the amended Permit (attached). These documents are posted on the Board's Public Registry.¹

As per subsection 29(6) of the MVLUR, NTPC remains responsible for all obligations and liabilities that arise under the Permit and the MVLUR until the Board grants final clearance. Please refer to section 6 of the Board's *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process*² (Guide) for detailed information on final plans and final clearance.

Full cooperation of NTPC is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Meaghan MacIntyre-Newell at (867) 765-4584 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

¹ See WLWB Online Registry (www.wlwb.ca) for [W2019Q0003](#)

² See WLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#)

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
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Attached: Land Use Permit W2019Q0003



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**Northwest Territories Power Corporation
 Land Use Permit W2019Q0003**

Pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board grants this Land Use Permit to:

Northwest Territories Power Corporation
 (Permittee)

of 4 Capital Drive, Hay River, NT, X0E 1G2
 (Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Permittee, to proceed with the following land-use operation, subject to the annexed definitions and conditions contained therein:

Location:	Strutt Lake area, NT
Purpose:	Quarrying, winter road, and petroleum storage activities
Type:	Type A
Effective Date:	December 19, 2019
Expiry Date:	January 4, 2022

**Mason Mantla, Chair
 Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board**

Meaghan MacIntyre-Newell, Witness

**Conditions Annexed to and Forming Part of
Land Use Permit # W2019Q0003**

Part A: Scope of Permit

1. This Permit entitles the Permittee to conduct the following land-use operation:
 - a) Use of vehicles and equipment for quarrying, crushing, and stockpiling of granular material;
 - b) Use of vehicles for construction, use, and maintenance of winter roads; and
 - c) Establishment of a petroleum fuel storage facility.
2. This Permit is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the use of land for the activities and area identified in Part A, item 1 of this Permit.
3. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not excuse the Permittee from its obligation to comply with the requirements of any applicable Federal, Territorial, Tłıchǫ, or Municipal laws.

Part B: Definitions (defined terms are capitalized throughout the Permit)

Act - the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Board - the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board established under Part 3 of the Act.

Closure and Reclamation - the process and activities that facilitate the return of areas affected by the Project to viable and, wherever practicable, self-sustaining ecosystems that are compatible with a healthy environment, human activities, and the surrounding environment.

Engagement Plan - a document, developed in accordance with the Board's *Engagement and Consultation Policy* and the *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits*, that clearly describes how, when, and which engagement activities will occur with an affected party during the life of the project.

Fuel Storage Container - a container for the storage of petroleum or allied petroleum products with a capacity of less than 230 litres.

Fuel Storage Tank - a closed container for the storage of petroleum or allied petroleum products with a capacity of more than 230 litres.

Habitat - the area or type of site where a species or an individual of a species of wildlife naturally occurs or on which it depends, directly or indirectly, to carry out its life processes.

Inspector - an Inspector designated by the Minister under the Act.

Minister - the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada or the Minister of the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Lands, as the case may be.

Ordinary High-Water Mark - the usual or average level to which a body of water rises at its highest point and remains for sufficient time so as to change the characteristics of the land. In flowing waters (rivers, streams) this refers to the “active channel/bank-full level” which is often the 1:2 year flood flow return level. In inland lakes, wetlands, or marine environments, it refers to those parts of the Watercourse bed and banks that are frequently flooded by water so as to leave a mark on the land and where the natural vegetation changes from predominately aquatic vegetation to terrestrial vegetation (excepting water tolerant species). For reservoirs, this refers to normal high operating levels (full supply level).

Permittee - the holder of this permit.

Permafrost - ground (soil or rock) that remains at or below 0°C for at least two consecutive years.

Progressive Reclamation - Closure and Reclamation activities conducted during the operating phase of the project.

Secondary Containment - containment that prevents liquids that leak from Fuel Storage Tanks or containers from reaching outside the containment area and includes double-walled Tanks, piping, liners, and impermeable barriers.

Sewage - all toilet wastes and Greywater.

Spill Contingency Plan - a document, developed in accordance with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada’s *Guidelines for Spill Contingency Planning* that describes the set of procedures to be implemented to minimize the effects of a spill.

Spring Break-up – [March 31/April 15] each year, for the purpose of this operation.

Safety Data Sheet - a technical document, typically written by the manufacturer or supplier of a chemical, that provides information about the hazards associated with the product, advice about safe handling and storage, and emergency response procedures.

Sump - a human-made pit or natural depression in the earth's surface used for the purpose of depositing Waste that does not contain Toxic Material, such as non-toxic Drilling Waste or Sewage, therein.

Toxic Material - any substance that enters or may enter the environment in a quantity or concentration or under conditions such that it:

- a) Has or may have an immediate or long-term harmful effect on the environment or its biological diversity;
- b) Constitutes or may constitute a danger to the environment on which life depends; or
- c) Constitutes or may constitute a danger in Canada to human life or health.

Waste - any garbage, debris, chemical, or Toxic Material to be used, stored, disposed of, or handled on land, and also as defined in section 51 of the Act.

Waste Management Plan - a document, developed in accordance with the Board's Guidelines for Developing a Waste Management Plan, that describes the methods of Waste management from Waste generation to final disposal.

Watercourse - a natural body of flowing or standing water or an area occupied by water during part of the year, and includes streams, springs, swamps and gulches but does not include groundwater.

Part C: Conditions Applying to All Activities (headings correspond to subsection 26(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations)

Condition	Category
26(1)(a) Location and Area	
1. The Permittee shall only conduct this land-use operation on lands designated in the application.	LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES
2. The Permittee shall use an existing campsite, as described in the complete application.	USE EXISTING CAMP
3. The Permittee shall not conduct a quarry operation within 100 metres of the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.	QUARRY SETBACK
26(1)(b) Time	
4. At least 48 hours prior to the initial commencement of the land-use operation, the Permittee's Field Supervisor shall contact an Inspector at (867) 767-9188.	INITIAL NOTIFICATION – CONTACT INSPECTOR
5. At least 48 hours prior to returning to the worksite following a seasonal Shut Down Period, the Permittee's Field Supervisor shall notify the Board and contact an Inspector at (867) 767-9188.	SEASONAL NOTIFICATION – CONTACT INSPECTOR
6. At least 48 hours prior to commencement of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall provide the following information, in writing, to the Board and an Inspector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the name(s) of the person(s) in charge of the field operation; b) alternates; and c) all methods for contacting the above person(s). 	IDENTIFY AGENT
7. At least ten days prior to [the Shut Down Period or Spring Break-up], the Permittee shall advise an Inspector of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the plan for removal or storage of equipment and materials; and b) when cleanup and Progressive Reclamation of the land used will be completed. 	REPORTS BEFORE SEASONAL REMOVAL
8. At least ten days prior to the completion of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall advise an Inspector of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the plan for removal or storage of equipment and materials; b) when final cleanup and reclamation of the land used will be 	REPORTS BEFORE FINAL REMOVAL

- completed; and
- c) when the Final Plan will be submitted.

26(1)(c) Type and Size of Equipment

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| 9. | The Permittee shall only use equipment of a similar type, size, and number to that listed in the complete application. | USE APPROVED EQUIPMENT |
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26(1)(d) Methods and Techniques

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| 10. | The Permittee shall construct and maintain the overland portion of winter roads with a minimum of 10 cm of packed snow and/or ice at all times during this land-use operation. | WINTER ROADS |
| 11. | The Permittee shall not erect camps or store material, other than that required for immediate use, on the ice surface of a Watercourse. | STORAGE ON ICE |
| 12. | Prior to the expiry end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall replace all excavated material, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector. | EXCAVATED MATERIAL TEST PITS |
| 13. | The Permittee shall leave a buffer strip of undisturbed vegetation at least 30 metres in width between cleared areas and public roads | TREE SCREEN |

26(1)(e) Type, Location, Capacity, and Operation of All Facilities

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| 14. | The Permittee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean at all times. | CLEAN WORK AREA |
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26(1)(f) Control or Prevention of Ponding of Water, Flooding, Erosion, Slides, and Subsidence of Land

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| 15. | The land-use operation shall not cause obstruction to any natural drainage. | NATURAL DRAINAGE |
| 16. | The Permittee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to prevent rutting or gouging of the ground surface. | PREVENTION OF RUTTING |
| 17. | The Permittee shall suspend overland travel of equipment or vehicles at the first sign of rutting or gouging. | SUSPEND OVERLAND TRAVEL |
| 18. | The Permittee shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. | VEHICLE MOVEMENT FREEZE-UP |
| 19. | The Permittee shall-only use clean water and snow in the | CONSTRUCT |

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| | construction of ice bridges and snow fills. | ICE BRIDGES
SNOWFILLS |
| 20. | Prior to Spring Break-up or completion of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall clean up and either remove or v-notch all ice bridges and snowfills from stream crossings, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector. | REMOVE
ICE BRIDGES/
SNOWFILLS |
| 21. | The Permittee shall slope the sides of Waste material piles, excavations, and embankments — except in solid rock — to a minimum ratio of 2:1 vertical, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector. | EXCAVATION AND
EMBANKMENTS |
| 26(1)(g) Use, Storage, Handling, and Ultimate Disposal of Any Chemical or Toxic Material | | |
| 22. | At least seven days prior to the use of any chemicals that were not identified in the complete application, the Safety Data Sheets must be provided to the Board and an Inspector. | CHEMICALS |
| 23. | The Permittee shall dispose of all combustible Waste petroleum products by removal to an approved disposal facility. | WASTE PETROLEUM
DISPOSAL |
| 26(1)(h) Wildlife and Fish Habitat | | |
| 24. | The Permittee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent damage to wildlife and fish Habitat during this land-use operation. | HABITAT DAMAGE |
| 26(1)(i) Storage, Handling, and Disposal of Refuse or Sewage | | |
| 25. | The Permittee shall adhere to the Waste Management Plan , once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations, technology, chemicals, or fuels, or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval. | WASTE
MANAGEMENT |
| 26. | The Permittee shall keep all garbage and debris in a secure container until disposal. | GARBAGE CONTAINER |
| 26(1)(j) Protection of Historical, Archaeological, and Burial Sites | | |
| 27. | The Permittee shall not operate any vehicle or equipment within 150 metres of a known or suspected historical or archaeological site or burial ground. | ARCHAEOLOGICAL
BUFFER |
| 28. | The Permittee shall not knowingly remove, disturb, or displace any archaeological specimen or site. | SITE DISTURBANCE |

<p>29. The Permittee shall, where a suspected archaeological or historical site, or burial ground is discovered:</p> <p>a) immediately suspend operations on the site; and</p> <p>b) notify the Board at (867) 765-4592 or an Inspector at (867) 767-9188, and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre at 767-9347 ext. 71255 or ext. 71251.</p>	<p>SITE DISCOVERY AND NOTIFICATION</p>
<p>26(1)(k) Objects and Places of Recreational, Scenic, and Ecological Value</p> <p><i>Intentionally left blank</i></p>	
<p>26(1)(l) Security Deposit</p>	
<p>30. All costs to remediate the area under this Permit are the responsibility of the Permittee.</p>	<p>RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMEDIATION COSTS</p>
<p>26(1)(m) Fuel Storage</p>	
<p>31. The Permittee shall place Fuel Storage Containers and or Tanks a minimum of 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.</p>	<p>FUEL STORAGE SETBACK</p>
<p>32. The Permittee shall:</p> <p>a) examine all Fuel Storage Containers and Tank for leaks; and</p> <p>b) repair all leaks immediately.</p>	<p>REPAIR LEAKS</p>
<p>33. The Permittee shall set up all refueling points with Secondary Containment.</p>	<p>SECONDARY CONTAINMENT - REFUELING</p>
<p>34. The Permittee shall not allow petroleum products to spread to surrounding lands or Watercourses.</p>	<p>FUEL CONTAINMENT</p>
<p>35. The Permittee shall locate mobile fuel facilities on land when the facilities are stationary for more than 12 hours.</p>	<p>FUEL ON LAND</p>
<p>36. The Permittee shall mark all Fuel Storage Containers and Tanks with the Permittee's name.</p>	<p>MARK CONTAINERS AND TANKS</p>
<p>37. Within ten days of the establishment of any fuel cache, the Permittee shall report the location and quantity of the cache in writing to the Board and an Inspector.</p>	<p>REPORT FUEL LOCATION</p>
<p>38. The Permittee shall adhere to the Spill Contingency Plan, once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations, technology,</p>	<p>SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN</p>

chemicals, or fuels, or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

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| 39. | Prior to commencement of the land-use operation the Permittee shall ensure that spill-response equipment is in place to respond to any potential spills. | SPILL RESPONSE |
| 40. | All equipment that may be parked for two hours or more, shall have a haz-mat/drip tray under it or be sufficiently diapered. Leaky equipment shall be repaired immediately. | DRIP TRAYS |
| 41. | The Permittee shall clean up all leaks, spills, and contaminated material immediately | CLEAN UP SPILLS |
| 42. | During the period of this Permit, if a spill occurs or is foreseeable, the Permittee shall:
a) implement the approved Spill Contingency Plan;
b) report it-immediately using the NU-NT Spill Report Form by one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telephone: (867) 920-8130• Fax: (867) 873-6924• E-mail: spills@gov.nt.ca• <u>Online: Spill Reporting and Tracking Database</u>
c) within 24 hours, notify the Board and an Inspector; and
d) within 30 days of initially reporting the incident, submit a detailed report to the Board and an Inspector, including descriptions of causes, response actions, and any changes to procedures to prevent similar occurrences in the future. Any updates to this report shall be provided to the Board and an Inspector in writing as changes occur. | REPORT SPILLS |

26(1)(n) Methods and Techniques for Debris and Brush Disposal

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| 43. | The Permittee shall progressively dispose of all brush and trees; all disposal shall be completed prior to the end of this land use operation | BRUSH DISPOSAL/
TIME |
| 44. | The Permittee shall not clear areas larger than identified in the complete application. | MINIMIZE AREA
CLEARED |

26(1)(o) Restoration of the Lands

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| 45. | The Permittee shall dispose of all overburden as approved by the Board, or as otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector. | DISPOSAL OF
OVERBURDEN |
| 46. | The Permittee shall save the organic soil stripped from the land use area and shall use the organic soil for reclamation as approved by the Board, or otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector. | SAVE AND PLACE
ORGANIC SOIL |

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| 47. | Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall complete all cleanup and restoration of the lands used. | FINAL CLEANUP AND RESTORATION |
| 48. | Prior to the end of the land-use operation, the Permittee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to facilitate natural revegetation. | NATURAL VEGETATION |
| 49. | The Permittee shall carry out Progressive Reclamation of disturbed areas as soon as it is practical to do so. | PROGRESSIVE RECLAMATION |
| 26(1)(p) Display of Permits and Permit Numbers | | |
| 50. | The Permittee shall keep a copy of this Permit on hand at all times during this land-use operation. | COPY OF PERMIT |
| 26(1)(q) Biological and Physical Protection of the Land | | |
| 51. | If any plan is not approved by the Board, the Permittee shall revise the plan according to the Board’s direction and re-submit it to the Board for approval. | RESUBMIT PLAN |
| 52. | The Permittee shall adhere to the Engagement Plan , once approved, and shall annually review the plan and make any necessary revisions to reflect changes in operations or as directed by the Board. Revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Board for approval. | ENGAGEMENT PLAN |
| 53. | All revised plans submitted to the Board shall include a brief summary of the changes made to the plan. | SUMMARY OF CHANGES |
| 54. | The Permittee shall not move any equipment within five hundred (500) metres of one or more caribou. | CARIBOU DISTURBANCE |