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Wekeezhii Renewable Resources Board
102 A 4509, 49th Ave
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Dear Board Members:

Re: Hearings on Joint Proposal March 25, 26, 2010

The Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation is very disturbed by your Board's decision to exclude our First Nation from participating in this process other than as a member of the "public". As indicated in earlier correspondence a significant portion of Wekeezhii is within traditional Lutsel K'e traditional territory as described in the boundary settlement between Tlicho and Akaitcho. To date no discussion has ensued regarding how the "shared" lands will be managed. In absence of this discussion the Wekeezhii Land and Water Board and the WRRB have assumed management of our shared territory. A process will have to be established to address this issue.

Prior to conclusion of these discussions it is important for WRRB to recognize that you do not have exclusive jurisdiction of the shared territory. To facilitate good relations Lutsel K'e requests full consultation on issues relating to the shared area such as the joint proposal.

Because we have been excluded from the current process we do not recognize the validity of the process nor will we respect the outcomes of such a process.

Sincerely,

Chief Steven Nitah

Cc. Wekweezhii Land and Water Board
Tlicho Government
Minister ENR GNWT
Premier GNWT
Regional Director INAC
Akaitcho Territorial Government
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Yellowknives Dene First Nation Chiefs