

February 12, 2010

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Re: Hearing Clarification

Dear Ms. McMaster:

Further to your letter, dated 4 February 2010, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) would like to clarify the following items:

- 1) Request for a deadline for proponents to submit new information in advance of the intervenor submission deadline
 - Recent supporting documents posted to the WRRB public registry have been requested from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) by intervenors and our staff to ensure that the public record fully encompasses all relevant information. The Board will review timelines as required to ensure that the proceeding is fair.
- 2) Require ENR to comply with the WRRB rules to respond to intervenor questions.
 - Both GNWT and the Tłıchǵ Government (TG) responded to questions posed by the WRRB (IR #1) and intervenors (IR #2). These responses have been posted to the public registry. As of 4 February 2010, the WRRB has made a third information request to both governments to answer any outstanding questions and provide additional supporting documentation. The deadline for their responses is February 24, 2010. As a result, the deadline for written interventions/submissions has been moved to March 3, 2010.
- 3) Request that ENR provide clarification to WRRB and hearing participants on status and details of proposal being considered at the hearing and process.
 - The WRRB's proceeding is based on the joint management proposal submitted by GNWT and TG on November 5, 2009 and, further to WRRB decision, the public hearing will specifically address Actions #1-5 only. Although Actions #6-9 will not be addressed during the public hearing, the Board will consider written comments from intervenors and members of the public. The Proceeding is a Board process, which includes the whole process from receipt of the proposal to the issuance of reasons for decision. Please see the WRRB's Interim Rules of Proceeding for more

information: <http://www.wrrb.ca/content/wrrb-interim-rule-procedures>. The WRRB will not speculate about possible amendments to the joint proposal.

If you require further information, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jsnortland@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Grant Pryznyk". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "Pryznyk".

J. Grant Pryznyk
Interim Chair

Cc John Donihee, WRRB Legal Counsel