

MEETING DATE: July 27, 2011
ITEM: 4(a)
Re: Reference by Government to Review Muskrat Falls

The following is a progress update of the Muskrat Falls review:

- ◆ The Board's staff and technical advisors had planning meetings with officials from Nalcor on June 17th and July 8th to discuss information flow, scheduling etc.
- ◆ On July 18th Nalcor gave a presentation on the Muskrat Falls Project to Board Staff, the Consumer Advocate and the Board's technical advisors, Manitoba Hydro International (MHI).
- ◆ Other Board meetings were held on June 24th and July 13th to discuss the process, schedule, staff roles and communication strategy.
- ◆ A legal counsel meeting was held on July 20th with Nalcor and the Consumer Advocate to discuss the schedule and process.
- ◆ Correspondence has been sent to and received from Nalcor with respect to the information being filed. The Board's technical advisory team is completing a gap analysis evaluating the information filed compared to what has been requested. To date some of the information is lacking in terms of completeness with concerns raised by the Board's technical advisors as to the ability to meet the scheduled critical dates. July 27th is the next critical date for the receipt of Nalcor's overall submission. At the legal counsel meeting on July 20th, Nalcor's legal counsel Geoff Young advised that meeting this filing date may be problematic.
- ◆ On July 25th Nalcor advised it would not be filing its report until mid- August and that the remaining documents that were requested to be filed by June 30th will be filed by July 29th, a month later than originally scheduled. In addition some 63 RFI's have been asked by MHI and the Board staff and only 10 responses have been received so far.
- ◆ The Board has written Nalcor advising that any delay in receipt of the information may jeopardize the proposed schedule and the Board's ability to meet the December 30th report deadline.

Action

Board Staff will continue to monitor the information flow and provide updates to the Board.

Cheryl Blundon
Director Corporate Services and Board Secretary

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SCHEDULE OF KEY ACTIVITIES	
Activity	Date
Reference from Government – Made Public	June 17, 2011
Press Release on Receipt of Reference	June 17, 2011
Initial Information Request to Nalcor	June 17, 2011
Meet with Nalcor to confirm Document Requirements, Availability and Schedule for Receipt	June 17, 2011
Award Engineering Consulting Contract to MHI	July 4, 2011
Receive Documentation from Nalcor	June 30, 2011 - Ongoing
Nalcor presentation for Board Staff, MHI and Consumer Advocate	July 18, 2011
Press Release Re: Website etc.	July 22, 2011
Nalcor Overall Submission Filed	July 27, 2011
Public Notice Requesting Notice of Participation	July 30, 2011 or August 6, 2011
Notices of Intention to Participate Filed	?
Receive Report from Consultant	September 15, 2011
Public Notice/Media Advisory	September 15, 2011
Written Requests for Information to Nalcor and Board's Experts on Submissions and Reports – Preliminary Round	September 22, 2011
Request to File Technical Evidence - Scope of Participation Identified	September 22, 2011

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Responses by Nalcor and Board Experts to Preliminary Round of Questions	September 29, 2011
Announce date and schedule for Technical Conference and Public Consultations	September 29, 2011
Deadline for written Technical Submissions	October 7, 2011
Filing of written Requests for Information on Technical Submissions	October 12, 2011
Responses to written requests on Technical Submissions	October 20, 2011
Media Release regarding Public Consultations	October 23, 2011 (Wk of)
Technical Conference	October 24 – 28, 2011
Public Consultations	October 31 – November 5, 2011
Deadline for Requests for Information on issues arising from the Technical Conference	November 2, 2011
Responses to Requests from Technical Conference	November 7, 2011
Last Filing Day for Public Comments and Submissions	November 15, 2011
Issue Board's Report to Government	December 30, 2011