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From : "Kennedy, Jerome"
To : "Maclean, Heather" , "Shute, Tracy"
Subject : Re: messages as requested - PUB

Tracy, please send to Derrick rideout and Steve Kent.
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From: Maclean, Heather
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Key Messages
PUB (Review of Muskrat Falls)
January 2012

The PUB report will be an important piece of information for government to consider to make a decision on final project sanction.

As part of the PUB review, Manitoba Hydro was hired as a consultant (result of RFP) to review and report on the expansion alternatives for the Island which includes the review of all relevant studies and reports and other available info.

The Manitoba Hydro review is an independent assessment, and we look forward to the findings of their review. Manitoba Hydro International is a highly reputable organization, and will provide further information to consider as government moves forward towards making a final decision of whether to proceed with the Muskrat Falls project.

The PUB timeline will ensure that the public, and Members of the House of Assembly will have time to examine the findings of the PUB report to support an informed discussion on the Muskrat Falls Project during the spring sitting of the House of Assembly

At the end of the day, it is important that government has all the necessary information to make a final decision on the development of Muskrat Falls. The Manitoba Hydro Report, and PUB Report are important pieces of information for government to consider.

There is a significant volume of information being submitted to the PUB, but also a high volume of information requests, and some which have required a significant amount of work and analysis to prepare the information requested.

It is important that information requests are responded to appropriately, and important that the response is accurate, detailed and complete.

Nalcor has submitted 180 exhibits of information to the Board. Nalcor has also received a total of 440 Requests for Information from the PUB, Manitoba Hydro and the Consumer Advocate.

Nalcor had over 20 face to face meetings between various subject matter experts and Manitoba Hydro to help inform the process and provide any information or context they required.

Nalcor has provided the Board with in the order of 15,000 pages of documentation to inform the Board's assessment of the reference question and when asked for further information, or when something was not clear, Nalcor has endeavored to satisfy the requests coming from the Board, its Consultant and the Consumer Advocate.

The approach to the PUB review is to view all questions and suggestions received as opportunities to check and potentially improve the quality of this project.

There have been numerous opportunities for the public to provide comments.

- Nalcor has conducted over 50 open houses/community meetings. At all these sessions a variety of information and experts were available to answer technical information related to various elements of the project.

Our government encourages questions and debate – at the end of the day this project must be developed for the best interests of the people of our province . Questions will make the project a better one.

Planning for future electricity needs is critical – we must take action to ensure we have reliable, affordable, electricity for the people of our province.

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