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Subject: Response to E-Mail: Community Engagement -- Ekuanitshit - Labrador-Island Transmission Link Project

David:

Thank you for your recent e-mail concerning the commencement of negotiations of formal community consultation arrangements between Ekuanitshit and Nalcor with respect to the proposed Labrador-Island Transmission Link Project (the "Transmission Project"). Nalcor has carefully considered this proposal and wishes to advise you as follows.

Nalcor does not contemplate the negotiation of a land and resource use study or similar formal arrangement with Ekuanitshit at this time. However, please be assured that Nalcor is cognizant of the requirements of the Transmission Project EIS Guidelines, including the requirement to demonstrate its understanding of Ekuanitshit's interests, values, concerns, contemporary and historic activities, traditional knowledge and important issues facing the community, so that these issues can be considered in the planning and carrying out of the Transmission Project. Nalcor is firmly committed to continuing its engagement with Ekuanitshit in order to provide the community with Project-related information and to develop an understanding of the community's views and issues of concern which will assist Nalcor in identifying what it can do to address these issues. In this regard it is my understanding that the recent meeting between representatives of Nalcor and the Band Council and community was a productive one and that certain issues such as the Transmission Project's potential effects on caribou and salmon and the use of herbicides have been brought to the attention of Nalcor. Nalcor will respond directly to the community with respect to these concerns and hopes to continue to have a dialogue with the community on these and other issues which may emerge during the environmental assessment process, including issues and concerns related to the potential effects of the Project and potential mitigation measures to avoid or reduce such effects. And, of course, once the EIS is submitted, Nalcor Energy would welcome the opportunity to meet again with you and the community to present additional information on the Transmission Project, its potential effects and proposed mitigation and to discuss these issues in more detail. In addition, Nalcor would be happy to return to the community to discuss the component studies of interest to community members by holding information sessions or technical workshops. Should Ekuanitshit be interested in an information session or technical workshop relating to a component study or any other matter of interest to the community, we would encourage Band Council to contact Nalcor directly and we will work with the community to make the necessary arrangements.

While Nalcor does not propose to enter into formal arrangements with the community at present, it invites the community to continue to provide any information regarding interests, values, issues or concerns that it may have with respect to the Transmission Project directly to Nalcor or to regulators as part of the ongoing environmental assessment process. Nalcor is in the process of finalizing the Aboriginal Component Study which will be submitted to regulators and stakeholders, including Ekuanitshit, in the near future. This study will set out Nalcor's understanding of Ekuanitshit's interests in the Transmission Project area, based on current

documentation. However, should Ekuanitshit have additional information which demonstrates an interest in the Transmission Project or the Project area which is greater than, or different in kind from, Nalcor's understanding as reflected in the Aboriginal Component Study, Nalcor would strongly encourage the community to bring this information forward and we would be prepared to reconsider our position with respect to the conclusion of formal arrangements.

Regards,

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