



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

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Mr. David Schulze
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Dear Mr. Schulze:

Re: Reply to your June 25, 2014 letter concerning the *Species at Risk Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan* for Labrador-Island Transmission Link Project (Transmission Project): Your File 7550-005

This is in response to your letter of June 25, 2014 regarding the *Species at Risk Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Plan* (the "Plan"). For purposes of this response the issues you have noted have been addressed in order.

Deadlines

The Province has previously explained timelines for the post-EA consultation with Aboriginal organizations and has indicated our willingness to consider a request for additional time to review any monitoring and mitigation Plan circulated for review by the Proponent.

Please note that the operational language of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is English. French translations of letters are provided as a courtesy and convenience. If interpretation service is needed from English to French during any planned teleconference with you and your client, the Province is willing to cover half that cost.

Please note that Federal officials with Environment Canada look to the Province's wildlife experts to manage listed caribou herds in this province. Please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service if you require further information on this matter.

It has been previously indicated to you that the Province is not prepared to release specific location data for any caribou in the Province. Please indicate what information, besides location data, you would like and our biologists will endeavor to provide it.

Funding

The Province's view on funding was communicated to you and your client in correspondence dated March 24, 2014, April 17, 2014 and May 16, 2014.

Effects

As previously indicated to you and your client, the maintenance of viable caribou herds in Labrador is important to the Province. To that end, the issuance of a Section (19) permit, and the associated Impacts, Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (the Plan), will address mitigation measures to ensure that effects of this Project on the caribou in Labrador will be minimized.

You indicated that your client does not accept any prohibition on hunting RWMH even for the purposes of conserving and protecting the herd. That is an unfortunate position and please be informed that the Province will continue to enforce existing wildlife regulations to ensure that herd is protected for future generations.

Form of the Mitigation Plan

As indicated previously, it is our understanding that the Proponent will be issuing a revised Plan for government and Aboriginal review in the very near future.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

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Ivy Stone
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