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Jamie

Your minister told min Marshall tonite that he would handle the response on Methly Mercury. The latest version of the suggested response is attached.

Charles

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Potential Speaking Points

Methyl Mercury Study

- I would like to thank Minister Shiwak for his Presentation.
- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to implementing the recommendations as set out in the province's response to the Joint Review Panel.
- In its final report, the Panel made a number of recommendations respecting the assessment of the potential downstream effects of the Project on Lake Melville, including methyl mercury and other environmental effects.
- One of these recommendations directed Nalcor to conduct a comprehensive multi-year program to monitor and report on bioaccumulation of methyl mercury in fish within the reservoirs. The monitoring program is underway and any necessary environmental mitigation will be undertaken as required.
- The Panel also made recommendations that are being undertaken by this Government.
- The Department of Environment and Conservation operates a real-time water monitoring station on Lake Melville, East of Little River, where it manually collects four water samples per year. The samples are analyzed for total mercury along with 30-40 other

water quality parameters. In the eight water samples collected to date, the total mercury results were well below the detection limit.

- Environment and Conservation will continue to monitor total mercury levels at the station in Lake Melville throughout the various phases of the Project, and any necessary environmental mitigation will be undertaken.
- In response to the Panel's recommendations, Nalcor Energy also established a Community Liaison Committee in the Upper Lake Melville region. The purpose of this committee is to promote open communication with area stakeholders and provide them with a method to provide information on community, environmental, economic or other matters relating to the development of the Project. The forum would also be used by Nalcor to present the results of its programs, including reporting on its methyl mercury studies.
- This committee will provide the Nunatsiavut Government an opportunity to get updated on the work being undertaken by Nalcor on the environmental recommendations. I understand that Nalcor has invited the Nunatsiavut Government to participate, but to date no member has been appointed. I would encourage the Nunatsiavut Government to participate in that process.
- If a decision is made not to participate, then I would encourage the Nunatsiavut Government to provide information from their research to either the provincial

government or to Nalcor so that it can be fed into Nalcor's programs, as appropriate.

- We would also encourage the Nunatsiavut Government to provide any past research that the NG is aware of or any future research that the NG commissions, so that it can be considered as part of the consultation on the post-Environmental Assessment permitting process by the Department of Environment and Conservation.