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Subject: FW: Letter from Premier Dwight Ball
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Committee Members, Please see attached correspondence from the Premier to SNC re water levels, copied to you on behalf of Charles. I also note that Nalcor July 2017 monthly reporting was placed in the data room yesterday. Kindest, Paul

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Premier," <Premier@gov.nl.ca>
Date: August 29, 2017 at 5:04:25 PM NDT
To: "Bown, Charles" <CBown@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Letter from Premier Dwight Ball

FYI

Please distribute to Oversight Committee .

Thank you,
Jeanette Fleming



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Office of the Premier

August 29, 2017

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Attention: Michel Tremblay

Subject: Muskrat Falls Development

Dear Mr. Tremblay,

I write in response to your letter of August 3, 2017 and the subsequent conference call on that date with yourself and the indigenous leaders of the Innu Nation, Nunatsiavut Government and NunatuKavut Community Council.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador remains unwavering in the commitment made to indigenous leaders on October 26, 2016 respecting water levels, which Nalcor had assured us was appropriate in the circumstances. In consultation with indigenous leaders, we are all working towards honouring those commitments while also trying to understand the risks you have identified with lowering water levels, however remote they may be.

I have had further conversations with indigenous leaders since our last conference call. Given the conflicting advice provided by SNC Lavalin and Gilbert Bennett of Nalcor, the leaders and I are reviewing your advice with caution as it makes the October 26, 2016 commitment difficult to honour.

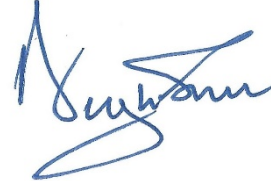
Since we have come to know your concerns on river bank stability and have been assured by you that this has no ramifications on the North Spur, we as a government have done our very best to keep indigenous governments informed. Understandably we all have questions and concerns that I will continue to share. In keeping with this practice of transparency and substantive consultation with indigenous leaders, we all must ensure that lines of communications continue to be open among all stakeholders.

In particular, I ask that you initiate a dialogue to directly address indigenous leaders' concerns so that they, to the extent possible, have input into the completion of this ill-conceived project. In doing so, I ask that SNC Lavalin and Nalcor turn their minds to the following points in preparation for your upcoming dialogue with indigenous leaders:

- Explore all reasonable scenarios to lower water levels to natural conditions;
- Prepare and provide technical briefings on surveillance of the river banks/analyses of risk; and,
- Critically analyze the safety risk for site workers, downstream residents, and recreational users of the river.

I am happy to assist as appropriate.

Sincerely,



DWIGHT BALL

Premier

MHA, Humber-Gros Morne

Cc: Mr. Stan Marshall, President and CEO of Nalcor
Nalcor Board of Directors
Muskrat Falls Oversight Committee
Todd Russell, President of NunatuKavut Community Council
Johannes Lampe, President Nunatsiavut Government
Greg Rich, Grand Chief Innu Nation