



NIRB File No.: 18UN044
NPC File No.: 148907

April 10, 2019

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Sent via email: sao@arviat.ca

Re: Suspension of Assessment Activities for Hamlet of Arviat's "Arviat Wind Energy" Project Proposal, Pursuant to NuPPAA Subsection 144(2)

Dear Steve England;

On July 30, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Hamlet of Arviat's (Proponent) "Arviat Wind Energy" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 18UN044 and commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

Through the initial screening activities undertaken by the NIRB for this proposal, additional information was requested to address identified deficiencies as detailed through Information Requests #2 (enclosed for reference). As outlined in the Board's previous correspondence, this information is considered necessary to determine the scope of the project and to carry out the screening of the project.

To date, the Board has not received the requested information. Further, staff members from the NIRB have contacted the Proponent on multiple occasions to directly discuss the outstanding information required to complete the screening of this project proposal (see **Appendix A** for file history) with no definite date of provided on when the information will be made available. Consequently, the NIRB has determined that it is unable to complete the screening for the Hamlet of Arviat's "Arviat Wind Energy" project proposal at this time.

Pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board is suspending its assessment activities for the screening of this project proposal until the requested information has been received by our office. Please be advised that the *NuPPAA* prohibits the carrying out of a project, in whole or in part, where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed; regulatory authorities are also not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorizations in respect of a project where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed

The Board further notes that if the Hamlet of Arviat has not provided the requested information requested within three years from April 10, 2019 the assessment of the project will be terminated as per s. 144(3) of the *NuPPAA*.

Should you have any questions regarding the suspension of this assessment or require clarification regarding how to address the outstanding information requirements for this file, please contact Jaida Ohokannoak, Technical Advisor II, directly at (867) 983-4609 or at johokannoak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Tara Arko
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: File History

Enclosures (2): Information request letters (August 13, 2018 and September 5, 2018)

cc: Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services, Government of Nunavut
Randy Mercer, Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Appendix A: File History

July 30, 2018 – NIRB e-mail to Proponent requesting Proponent complete online application

August 13, 2018 – Information Request Letter #1 requesting information be submitted by August 27, 2018.

August 29, 2018 – Technical Advisor follow up e-mail to Proponent.

September 5, 2018 – Information Request Letter #2 requesting information be submitted by September 12, 2018.

September 13, 2018 – Proponent requested deadline for submission be moved to October 02, 2018.

October 02, 2018 – Proponent requested deadline for submission be moved to October 23, 2018.

October 24, 2019 – Proponent requested extension to deadline be moved until December 31, 2018.

October 29, 2018 – Technical Advisor phone conversation regarding options/suspension process.

December 21, 2018 – Proponent noted they will not be able to submit application prior to December 31, 2018. Requested further extension for submission.

January 11, 2019 – Proponent e-mail NIRB anticipating application materials to be submitted by January 18, 2019.

January 31, 2019 – Application submitted then returned to Proponent requesting further information.

February 08, 2019 – Proponent submits some of the required information, outstanding information still required.

March 01, 2019 – Technical Advisor e-mail to Proponent requesting an update on submission of outstanding information and completed application.

March 12, 2019 – Proponent e-mail to NIRB that the materials will be submitted by March 31, 2019.

April 09, 2019 – NIRB phone call with Proponent regarding submission date. Proponent expecting to submit on April 26, 2019.