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Dear Mr. Morrison, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Cote, Ms. Robinson, Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Manzo and Mr. Tattuinee:

RE: NPC File No. 149542 [Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Scientific Research: Conduct baseline data collection for a future environmental assessment of the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link (KHFL). Activities include migratory waterfowl and breeding bird survey, winter aerial multi-species survey, fall aerial survey of caribou abundance near corridor, trail camera deployments, waterbody classifications

field overview and fish species studies, Environmental DNA (eDNA), marine shipping traffic operations and their interactions with the marine aquatic and avian environment, Field Validation of Preliminary Mapping, Targeted Permafrost Drilling, vegetation characterization and observation as well as limited soil sampling to contribute baseline data collection, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit collection to capture local and community knowledge inclusive ecological knowledge to support the characterization of baseline conditions, inventory of known archaeological and historical sites and future planning, and LiDAR imagery surveys.

2. The above-noted project proposal of baseline data collection does not include the actual transportation and/or communication corridor development for which the proponent shall later submit a separate plan amendment application as per section 5.6 of the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.
3. Location: Kivalliq Region [Transboundary (Manitoba), and various Kivalliq communities]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149542&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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