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Sent via email: mguimond@qec.nu.ca

Re: Opportunity To Address Comments Received Regarding Qulliq Energy Corporation's "Kugluktuk Power Plant and Solar" Project Proposal

Dear Maurice Guimond:

On January 28, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) "Kugluktuk Power Plant and Solar" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On February 27, 2019 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by March 20, 2019.

On or before March 20, 2019 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
 - Department of Culture and Heritage
 - Department of Environment
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca/project/125442>.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- Lack of adequate information on:
 - Additional powerlines, or other associated facilities/activities that may be required for construction and operation;
 - Closure and site remediation plans for the existing power plant that requires decommissioning; and
 - Mitigation measures for wildlife, soils and vegetation.

- Need for information or rationale for planned power output for proposed power plant and whether best available technology has been considered for the design.
- Need for information on standards or best practices for the solar array and battery storage system.
- Lack of details regarding the Spill Contingency Plans and monitoring of soil and groundwater necessary after a large spill.
- Improvements recommended for the project:
 - Describe associated facilities and activities;
 - Confirm compliance with applicable environmental standards;
- Insufficient information on what types of employment opportunities will be made available and what efforts will be made to hire and train Inuit, and coordinate with other regional employers to encourage continued employment of workers.
- Insufficient information on consultation efforts and whether there were any concerns brought forward and how these were addressed.
- Clarification required under the “Environmental Impacts Matrix” with regards to ground stability and permafrost.
- No identification of Species at Risk which may be encountered or affected by the project.

The NIRB would like to provide QEC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **April 12, 2019**.

If QEC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at 867-983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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