



out the screening of the project proposal. On March 20, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

On March 21, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by April 11, 2019. On or before April 11, 2019, the NIRB received comments from several interested parties, and owing to concerns raised, on April 17, 2019 the NIRB provided the Proponent an opportunity to respond to comments by May 01, 2019. On April 26, 2019 the Proponent requested an extension of six (6) months to thoroughly review and address all comments; pursuant to *NuPPAA* s. 143(2), under separate cover the NIRB will be granting the suspension to the assessment as requested by the Proponent. As a result of the time given to the Proponent to respond to concerns raised during the public commenting period, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and requires an extension to complete the screening to fully consider the project proposal and all comments and responses.

The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **September 30, 2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Ministers for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125450](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125450).

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Ministers will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and ends with a long horizontal flourish.

Ryan Barry  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Kailey Wright, Northern Energy Capital Inc.  
The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C. Q.C. M.P. Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and  
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