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and

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Northern Energy Capital Inc.'s "Nunavut Clean Energy Project: Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On February 14, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Northern Energy Capital Inc.'s "Nunavut Clean Energy Project: Rankin Inlet and Baker" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File 19XN014.**

On February 14, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On February 26, 2019 the NIRB followed up with the Proponent requesting an online application, which was received on March 12, 2019. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on March 14, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry

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.

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 with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
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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