



18 February, 2010

Martin Haefele  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Box 938, #200 Scotia Centre  
5102-50th Avenue  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

**Re: Dezé Energy's Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project**

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Please accept this letter and attached Form 2 as a Request for Ruling for the Deze Energy Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project environmental assessment. NRCan is a Responsible Minister for this project because we may have a regulatory responsibility, under the federal *Explosives Act*, to issue an explosives magazine license for the storage of explosives.


NRCan is requesting an extension to the public comment period, which is currently scheduled to close at 5:00 pm on 18 February, 2010. Our colleagues in other federal departments have advised us that this current deadline for the close of the public registry is not adequate to address outstanding concerns regarding the re-routing of a proposed transmission line within the project. While the proposed changes to the transmission line routing do not directly affect NRCan's role in potentially issuing an explosives magazine license for the storage of explosives, NRCan is supportive of the position of the other Responsible Ministers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (613) 995-2848 or by email at [Shelley.Ball@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:Shelley.Ball@nrcan.gc.ca)

Sincerely,

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Natural Resources Canada

Cc: Isabelle Gagne (ERD – NRCan)

	<b>Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board</b>
	<b>FORM 2</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Request for Ruling</b></span>
Name of Proceeding	

TAKE NOTICE that a Request for Ruling will be made to the MVEIRB by

Natural Resources Canada  
 (name of party making the Request)  
 at 10h 30 (time) in Ottawa (place), in the Ontario Northwest Territories,  
 on the 18th (day) of February (month), 2010 or as soon after that time as the Board may  
 decide to address the Request.

The Ruling requested from the MVEIRB is as follows: (State the relief sought as clearly as possible)
<u>An extension of the public review period. Public Registry is stated to close 18 February 2010. We are requesting an extension to that closing date.</u>
The facts or information relevant to this Request for Ruling and which should be considered by the MVEIRB are as follow: (State the information relevant to the Request in as much detail as needed)
<u>Please see attached letter</u>
The authority or grounds for the Ruling which should be considered by the MVEIRB is as follows: (State the Rules or any law or enactment relied on and the grounds for the Ruling).
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in support of this Request for Ruling the following documents or information have been attached (Set out all materials to be used to support the Request).
Dated at <u>Ottawa</u> , Northwest Territories, on (MM/DD/YY) <u>02/18/10</u> <u>[Signature]</u> <u>Ontario</u> (Signature of Party's Representative)