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Dear Ms. Cliffe-Phillips;

Deh Cho Bridge – Peer Review of Design

In our response to IR 2.1.1, we advised that the Final Report of the GNWT's Peer Review Team would be a public document, available early September 2004.

The Peer Review is an independent engineering review meeting the 'due diligence' requirements of both the DCBC and GNWT for final approval of the design. Its scope does not extend to environmental impact assessment.

I must advise that a report is not available for release at this time.

A draft report has been prepared by the Peer Review Team. However, it has not been reviewed or finalized and both the GNWT and DCBC regard this draft as proprietary and confidential.

Once it has been finalized (likely in October or November), we may be prepared to release the report or a summary of the key conclusions. In the meantime, with the agreement of the GNWT, we would be prepared to identify and discuss any elements of the draft report that are of direct relevance to outstanding concerns or issues identified in the Environmental Assessment. We would also consider sharing information on a confidential basis with regulatory authorities.

I note that we do not expect completion of the peer review to result in any significant modifications to the overall design, construction approach, potential environmental impacts or proposed mitigation measures.

Our application remains based on the project as described in our DAR and follow-up information provided

Yours truly,

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