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April 1, 2008

Dear Mr. Heron:

Re: Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project – Your letter of March 12, 2008

I am writing in response to your letter of March 12, 2008 to Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, regarding the Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project.

In this letter you stated the Metis Nation [is] ***“strongly opposed to the Lockhart River Dam, which is within our traditional territory”***. Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation takes exception to anyone, including the Metis Nation, encroaching on our traditional territory. Our Elders say “No one can speak for us about our land”. This includes the Metis Nation, particularly when your letter to MVEIRB misrepresents our territory as part of your own when historically, factually, and legally this is not so. I want to remind you that the Lockhart River is and has been in Lutsel K'e Dene traditional territory for centuries. There is nothing in our oral history that states that the Lockhart River was territory occupied by Metis.

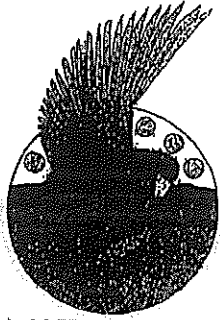
In this letter you further state ***“Lutsel K'e is stating the transmission line will pass through their sacred area, yet they want to build a dam there?”*** Although you correctly represent this area as ***our sacred area***, you appear completely unaware of the fact that Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation strongly opposes a dam and transmission line through our territory, particularly because of the sacred area where the Old Lady sits at the falls.

Be advised that we continue to guard our traditional territory and the legacy passed down to us through the oral history of our treaty and Elders. We caution you not to overstep your role or history as Metis by attempting to encroach on our traditional territory.

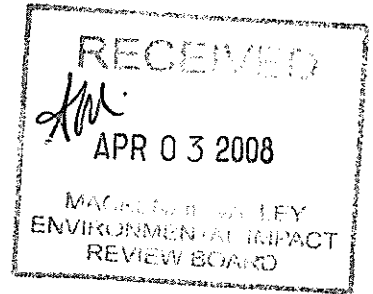
Yours truly,

Chief Adeline Jonasson

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