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RE: Comments on the environmental assessments of the Deze Energy Corporation Ltd. – EA 0708-007 Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project Terms of Reference and Workplan.

Mr. MacDonald,

In response to the call for comments on the draft work plans and terms of reference on the proposed Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project, please find below the list of comments from the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN).

The LKDFN has numerous concerns with the proposed expansion project and notes the following issues to be included for record.

- 1. Compensation and legacy issue regarding the loss of land, life and wildlife in the Nannacho area with initial construction of first Taltson Hydro Electric Dam.
- 2. Concern about the lack of responsibility with regards to settling compensation issue by company, and NWT Power Corporation, GNWT & Federal Government.
- 3. Position that our land claim be settled before allowing and further development in Lutsel K'e Traditional territory, and issuance of Akaitcho IMA Land Withdrawal.
- 4. Concern about the lack of current data and analysis of potential impacts from project on current water levels, potential hazards associated to flooding.
- 5. Concern about the lack of data and analysis of potential impacts from project on caribou, birds, fish, fur bearing animals, aquatic life, and all wildlife in Lutsel K'e traditional territory.
- 6. Concern about the lack of information in project description related to actual work plans, business models and potential socio economic, and environmental impacts to local residents of Lutselk'e.

- 7. Concern about the construction of winter road and access and restriction of usage to the community of Lutsel K'e.
- 8. Concern about the reclamation of winter roads.
- 9. Concern about the construction of transmission lines through the heart of the Lockhart River, scared resting place of the "Lady of the Falls", and possible loss of traditional heritage and land use.
- 10. Concern about the lack of consideration for alternate routes.
- 11. Concern about the lack of consultation from Deze Energy Corporation Ltd. with the LKDFN.
- 12. Concern about the lack of possible impact benefits for loss of land from Deze Energy Corporation Ltd.
- 13. Concern about the lack of consideration of alternate power sources, i.e. wind power, solar power.
- 14. Concern about the lack of proof of potential customers from mining industry for power from Deze Energy Corporation Ltd.
- 15. Concern about the loss of traditional user's loss of traplines.
- 16. Concern about the lack of consultation and development review process, LKDFN resources extremely limited.
- 17. Concern about the lack or representation of Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation on the MVEIRB.

We the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation reserve the right to submit additional comments of concern related to the proposed Taltson Expansion Project in our traditional land use area. For further clarification by Deze Energy Corporation Ltd. as well as MVEIRB, GNWT and Federal Government of Canada.

We the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation would like to re-affirm our position that all our traditional area will in time become a National Park. We are a very environmentally conscious peoples and promote conservation on all our lands for the preservation of our heritage and traditional way of life.

Sincerely,

Chief Adeline Jonasson

Lutsel K'e Dene First Nations

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