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Via email ttestart@reviewboard.ca

Re: EA0708-007 Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project: Draft Environmental Monitoring Program

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Monitoring Program (Monitoring Program) for the proposed Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project, submitted by Dezé Energy. Parks Canada Agency has reviewed this report and has the following comments:

1. *Construction Phase: Cultural and Archaeological Monitoring*

The Monitoring Program should consider monitoring and identification of important cultural and/or archaeological sites, during the construction phase of the Project. The Monitoring Program should clarify how sites will be identified, and information documented.

2. *Construction Phase: Wildlife and Terrestrial Habitat*

The Monitoring Program notes that vegetation and habitat loss for the Project footprint will be described using GIS information, providing estimates that can be used to verify predictions in the DAR. In addition to overall habitat loss, the Monitoring Program should indicate that important features of the wildlife habitat that are identified during construction (for example, denning sites) will also be included in reported information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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