

Meeting Minutes, 10 February 2011

Attendance

NWB	NIRB	Baffinland	Hatch
Dionne Filiatrault	Ryan Barry	Bill Napier	John Binns
Sean Joseph	Li Wan	Matthew Pickard	
		Oliver Curran	

Purpose of call: to discuss coordinated review process.

Dionne notes that her copy of the DEIS has not been received and that this is problematic for the coordinated review by NIRB and NWB.

Bill – What is the expectation from NIRB and NWB for coordinated review process?

Dionne - The NWB will need to separate out what is regulatory and what pertains just to EA. Baffinland is the first proponent to go through this coordinated process so it will take some time to sort through some of the details (Ryan concurs).

Dionne – The risk of providing detailed engineering in the FEIS as part of the coordinated process is the proponent's risk. It is recognized that there is a great deal of resources that are required for detailed engineering for the Project. Therefore, it is the proponent's decision and risk as to what components they need to provide detailed engineering for and whether the coordinated process will work.

Bill – Baffinland's plan for water licenses:
2011 – Type B
2012 – Amended Type B – Pre Development Year
2013 – Type A

Ryan – From the NIRB standpoint, alternatives is a significant portion of the review. NIRB will need to be clear on the selected alternatives by the time hearings begin (e.g. Road Haul to Milne Port).

Bill – Will engineering drawings be required for the submission of the FEIS?

Dionne – Yes. If you want the coordinated review, then yes you need detailed drawings and engineering.

Bill - The implication here is that the FEIS cannot be submitted until engineering to level required for NWB Type A license is available.

Dionne – The coordinated process is new. All sides have some questions. It's a complicated framework with unknowns and there are still reservations with some parties. We don't want the Type A requirements to overshadow and de-rail the NIRB process.

Ryan – NIRB will focus on providing focus for different review groups. Workshops for various topics are a good idea. The coordinated process should work. Proponent just needs to know the risk.

Dionne – the concern is that there may become too many questions. Let's stay focused on DEIS and work component by component. We don't want to get distracted.

Bill – Coordinated process will save the 2013 construction year. Geotechnical work associated with transport corridor and other infrastructure is important for detailed engineering phase.

Geotechnical drilling & site investigation for all water crossing to support detailed engineering will need to be completed in 2011 field season.

Dionne – Baffinland to send Dionne a letter confirming our intent to be involved in coordinated process.