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RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: QIA Request for Technical Comment Deadline Extension - Phase 2 Amendment to 2AM-MRY1325

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Hi Karen,

As you suggest below, a two week extension to the written comment period would be difficult to absorb under the current timing of the technical meeting. Further, the basis for the request is unreasonable given the already extensive review period the QIA has had with the application materials. For clarity, a draft version of the updated application was submitted to the QIA on April 14, 2021 in accordance with parts 15.10.4 and 15.10.5 of the Mary River IIBA. The revised management plans have also been in an ongoing state of review with QIA since July 2020.

To assist reviewers in understanding what documents are new, what have been updated, and what remain the same, a revised concordance table and document list was provided in Attachment 3 of the Application. A version of the main report with visible tracked changes has been provided in Attachment 2.2 of the Application (both attached).

Baffinland understands it is at the NWB's sole discretion to determine the timing of its review process and we will of course work with any set of dates provided to us to maintain the November 12th technical meeting. That being said, Baffinland suggests a 1 week extension is far more reasonable than the 2 weeks requested, and would ensure all parties are provided the time needed to prepare for the technical meeting.

Thank you,

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On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 1:15 PM Chris Spencer <CSpencer@qia.ca> wrote:

Hi Assol.

Thank you for providing us with the revised Technical Meeting timeline for the resumption of the NWB Phase 2 Amendment review process. QIA has conducted an initial review of Baffinland's submission and does not believe it is possible to conduct a comprehensive review and develop new technical comments prior to the October 18, 2021 deadline. This is primarily driven by QIA's obligation to review all available information in the context of our understanding of the project at this time. To a lesser extent, QIA must also manage a finite pool of technical experts between this process as well as both the NIRB Phase 2 Review and NPC Nunavut Land Use Plan Review.

QIA appreciates the efforts of the NWB in resuming the Phase 2 Amendment process and understands that modifications to the technical submission deadline will have residual impacts on the overall timeline. With that said, it is our perspective that an additional 2 weeks to develop technical comments will ensure intervenors are able to develop meaningful technical comments and participate fully in the upcoming Technical Meeting. I will be available to discuss this request at your convenience.

Regards,

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