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NWB File No: 3AM-GRA----

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**Re: Completeness Check for a New Type 'A' Water Licence, Rankin Inlet, 3AM-GRA----**

Dear Mr. Thistle:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledged the receipt on July 16, 2009, of a water licence application submitted by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Community and Government Services (Applicant) for the Water Supply Facilities for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. In the application acknowledgement, the NWB required the submission of an executive summary translated into Inuktitut and As-built/record drawings for the Utilidor replacement modification. In addition, the NWB also identified that the application would be for a Type 'A' Licence<sup>1</sup> and as such, will require a public hearing<sup>2</sup>.

On October 6 and October 7, 2009, the NWB received the above requested information from the Applicant. The NWB acknowledged receipt of supplemental information on October 22, 2009 and advised the Applicant of the requirement to address the potential for draw down of Nipisar Lake. The Applicant responded on November 24, 2009 and confirmed the water supply lake level does appear to have dropped in recent years. The Applicant also requested the NWB continue with the renewal process as submitted and proposed that future action could be taken via an amendment process once studies are completed and a course of action is more defined.

By copy of this letter, the NWB is asking interested persons to review the submitted application information and provide comments as to the completeness of the application to the NWB, no later

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<sup>1</sup> Northwest Territories Waters Act Northwest Territories Water Regulations (SOR/93-303), Schedule VI Licensing Criteria for Municipal Undertakings, Column IV; Use of 2,000 or more cubic metres per day and Any deposit of waste by means of a sewage collection or treatment system serving a population of 2,000 or more.

<sup>2</sup> Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act; Section 52 (1) Subject to subsection 37(2), a public hearing shall be held by the Board before it disposes of (a) any application in relation to a licence, unless the application is of a class that is exempted by the regulations from the requirement of a public hearing.

than 5:00 p.m. MST, **December 16, 2009**. Parties are requested to submit their assessment to the Manager of Licensing at [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org). The application and related information is available from the ftp site at the following link using the Username of “public” and the Password of “registry”, without quotation marks:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/3%20MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM%20-%20Municipality/3AM-GRA----/>

Following this assessment, the NWB will determine whether the application is complete, or whether additional information and studies will be required to evaluate all quantitative and qualitative effects of the undertaking, as per section 48 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act)*. The NWB will then finalize a completeness review and advise the Applicant of the determination at that time. Once the application is deemed complete, the NWB will issue a notice of the application pursuant to subsection 55(1) of the *Act* and timelines will be provided for a technical review of the application.

For a general overview of the municipal water licensing process, interested persons may refer to the *Draft Operational Guide to Municipal Water Licensing* and *Draft Guide 5 – Processing Water Licence Applications* available on the ftp at the following links:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/MUNICIPAL%20WORKSHOP/>  
<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/NWB%20Guides/>

Please note the above guides are in draft form and may be subject to changes. Also, the NWB will not be issuing project specific guidelines for the 3AM-GRA---- Type ‘A’ application.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 ext. 30 or by email to [dcarr@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:dcarr@nunavutwaterboard.org) for any technical inquiries, or Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338 ext. 26 or by email to [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org) for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

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