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Dear Karén Kharatyan and Richard Dwyer:

RE: 3AM-IQA1626 – Nunavut Water Board Invitation to Environment Climate Change Canada for City of Iqaluit Water Licence Public Hearing

Thank you for your letter inviting Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to participate in the upcoming public hearing regarding the City of Iqaluit's application to renew and amend Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA1626

ECCC has carefully considered the Board's invitation. Due to capacity constraints and departmental prioritization decisions, ECCC did not participate in the review of the current application and has not undertaken a technical assessment of the application materials. ECCC has carefully considered the Board's invitation. Due to capacity constraints and departmental prioritization decisions, ECCC did not participate in the review of the current application and has not undertaken a technical assessment of the application materials.

ECCC recognizes its historical involvement in previous licensing processes for the City of Iqaluit and its contributions related to municipal wastewater management and environmental protection considerations. In accordance with the authorities outlined in the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA), the Minister of CIRNAC may enforce compliance with conditions established under the water license; ECCC is responsible for the enforcement of the general prohibition against the deposition of deleterious substances, as outlined in s.36(3) of the Fisheries Act. ECCC has issued a Direction under the Fisheries Act to the City of Iqaluit for their Sewage Water Treatment Plant, to which it remains subject.

As noted in your letter, ECCC provided technical input during the Board's consideration of the 2016 licence. However, ECCC has not reviewed the current renewal application and has therefore not developed project-specific analysis, advice, or recommendations related to the present proceeding. Accordingly, ECCC is not in a position to provide comments on the current application or to participate in the public hearing. This should not be interpreted as support for,

or opposition to, the application. Rather, it reflects ECCC's resource prioritization decisions and the fact that the department has not undertaken a review of the current application from which project-specific information or expertise could be provided.

If you need more information, please contact Jody Small at (587) 532-7457 or Jody.Small@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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