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QIA requests that QEC

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- Provide a thorough assessment of barge landing locations at Armshow South that takes into consideration impacts to local harvesters during the open water season.
- Identify how they plan to mitigate any impact to local harvesters and fish habitat including an assessment of potential impact to fish and other species downstream from the dam operations from mercury and other contaminants present in the soils.
- QIA also requests that clams, as a locally important marine species, be included in baseline studies, impact predictions and become listed as a valued ecosystemic component (VEC).

QIA requests that QEC

- Provide an assessment of the Upper Lake characteristics during the different seasons. For example, QEC should provide information on variance in lake heights, volume, accessibility, and ice conditions.
- Provide an assessment of the impact of outflow of water to the quality and quantity of ice on the lakes, trails, and pack ice which takes into account that water will be warmer than the surrounding environment.
- Develop visual aids such as dioramas to help people understand the significance of the damming on the lakes.



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Project and electricity costs

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At this point, it seems that community members are under the impression that this project will lower electricity costs for residential users. However, due to the massive capital investment required it may be many years before residents see any reduction in electricity costs. Inuit have stated that they are concerned that electricity rates or taxes will be raised to help QEC pay for this development.

- QIA requests that QEC submit a clear plan for how they will fund this development and also make it clear if at any point residents may see a decrease in electricity prices.

Project Alternatives

In a letter dated August 3rd 2013 regarding the draft scope and guidelines for the QEC project, QIA had stated that sufficient alternatives have not been presented for the location of the second phase of this project.

- QIA requests that the proponent provide a thorough discussion of the alternative hydro generation sources in the area and also provide an explanation as to why Armshow South was chosen. It is clear to QIA that QEC has not used information gained from consultations with Inuit in communities in developing this project proposal as there are many concerns with regards to the Armshow South site.
- QIA also requests that the proponent more fully describe their evaluation of the current and future electricity demand of Iqaluit. This description should also include an assessment of alternative methods of satisfying electrical demand such as implementing energy efficiency retrofits within the community.

Conclusion

Based on the level of technical and community concerns encountered and described in this letter, QIA has come to a point where we had to make a decision on whether we can support this project as it is presently submitted. We have convened our Iqaluit CLARC members on September 16th and 18th 2013 to discuss our options moving forward. It is clear that QIA and the CLARC agree with the sentiment shared by community members about the location of the proposed hydro development at Armshow South. This location, also known as *Nungarut*, is of utmost importance to residents in Iqaluit and Kimmirut as it is a vital fishing, hunting, and travelling area. The Proponent has not proven that this project will be worthwhile for Inuit in an economic sense nor has it shown any evidence that the Armshow South component can be built in a way that is safe without affecting food security, access to the land and the Inuit way of life.

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On September 18th 2013, the Iqaluit Community Lands and Resource Committee (CLARC) convened to review QIA's attached letter regarding Qulliq Energy Corporation's Iqaluit Hydroelectric Project – NIRB File # 13UN006.

The CLARC agrees that the concerns raised by QIA in its letter are consistent with Inuit concerns. The Iqaluit CLARC has resolved on September 18th 2013 that the Nunavut Impact Review Board support QIA's request to have Qulliq Energy Corporation modify their project to remove the Armshow South Hydro Dam Component.

Sincerely,


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