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Re: Comment Request for NIRB's Final Scope and Revised Draft EIS Guidelines for QEC's Iqaluit Hydroelectric Project – NIRB File # 13UN006

Dear Jaswir Dhillon,

On September 24th 2013, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) provided the *Final Scope* and a *Revised Draft EIS Guidelines* for Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC or Proponent) Iqaluit Hydroelectric Project Proposal currently under Part 5 review. NIRB requested that parties provide comments regarding the Revised Draft EIS Guidelines and also whether they would be interested in participating in a Guidelines Development Workshop. The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) Department of Lands and Resources would like to thank NIRB for providing this opportunity to comment.

On September 18th 2013, QIA submitted comments regarding the *Draft Scope* and *Draft Guidelines* related to this proposed project. QIA's submission highlighted and summarized the level of technical and community concern related to this project. Some of this concern was related to a lack of information provided by the Proponent with regards to food security, travelling routes, tentative project and electricity costs and project alternatives. QIA had thus submitted a list of requests for inclusion in a *Revised Guidelines*.

Upon review of the *Revised Draft Guidelines* provided by the NIRB on September 24th, QIA is satisfied by the way our requests have been implemented. We therefore have no further comments regarding the Guideline Development for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project as currently proposed.

Due to our satisfaction with the level of detail required from the Proponent, as laid out in the latest version of the Guidelines, QIA is of the opinion that a Guideline Development Workshop will not be required. However, if the NIRB were to choose to host a workshop, the QIA would likely attend.



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It is QIA's understanding that the proponent may attend the workshop and thus it would be a perfect opportunity to receive some feedback on the varying concerns that we have raised in our previous submissions.

Should you require more information about these comments, do not hesitate to contact Joel Fortier, QIA Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at jfortier@qia.ca or (867) 975-8400.

Sincerely,

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