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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Tracey McCaie, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Transport Canada, Jared Ottenhof, and Heather Shilton:

**RE: NPC File No. 151033 [Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project (INP)]**

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary land use:** Hydro-electric power generation and development
2. **Project description:** The project proposes to build a 15 MW hydroelectric facility on the Kuugaluk River system on the Hall Peninsula to provide renewable power to Iqaluit and reduce reliance on imported diesel.
3. **Summary of modifications:** To construct an impoundment or reservoir hydroelectric power generation facility by storing water from a major river and associated lake system in a reservoir to be released through turbines. The key components include a dam, reservoir, powerhouse with turbines and generators, and associated spillways, access roads (~65 km), a 66 km transmission line, and a new substation near Iqaluit. Temporary construction camps and material sites will be decommissioned or restored after use.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 150521; 150770; 150981; **Associated NIRB File Nos.:** 24YN048; 25YN033
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Administrative Region; [Kuugaluk River, approximately 55 km north of Iqaluit]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including baseline investigative studies and other related research activities (NIRB File Nos. 24YN048 and 25YN033).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because it proposes the construction of a new hydroelectric facility with a planned power output capacity of 15 megawatts (MW) and associated infrastructure.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:  
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151033>.

This decision applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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