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JAY PROJECT INFORMATION REQUESTS DIRECTED TO ALL PARTIES

IR #1 for All Parties: To confirm whether parties have an objection to the Board considering parties' positions on DDEC's amendment application (to amend the term of the current Licence W2012L2-0001) within the proceeding for the Jay Project (W2013L2-0002/W2013D0007). Please provide rationale.

Response: The Agency understands the importance of a fair and thorough review of any amendment application. In this particular case, however, it is the Agency's view that to separate the processes may lead to unnecessary confusion and inefficiencies resulting from running two processes at the same time. Therefore, the Agency does not oppose the review of the application to amend the term of the main Ekati Water Licence as part of the proceeding for the Jay Project Water Licence application. To be clear this question is separate from and does not change the Agency's stated positions on the topics of the amalgamation of the main Water Licence W2012L2-0001 with the Jay Project Water Licence W2013L2-0002 and the proposed length of term. These are issues that will require further analysis as part of the Intervention and Public Hearing processes associated with the Jay Project Water Licence application. The Agency looks forward to participating in these processes.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak
Chairperson

Cc: DDEC – April Hayward
Tlicho Government - Sjoerd van der Wielen
Yellowknife Dene First Nation – Alex Power
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation – Lauren King
North Slave Metis Alliance – Shin Shiga
Kitikmeot Inuit Association – Jared Ottenhof
Government of the Northwest Territories – Laurie McGregor
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Jennifer O'Neil