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Dear Jackie Wells:

RE: Muskrat Falls Wetland and Riparian Plan, Lower Churchill Project

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to various federal and provincial government agencies and Indigenous groups.

Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that the Wetland and Riparian Plan: Compensation and Monitoring, (Version B5), dated November 29, 2022 (the Plan), has been found to be satisfactory. The Muskrat Falls Wetland and Riparian Plan is approved as per the *Lower Churchill Hydroelectric Generation Project Undertaking Order, Sections 4.(d)(iv)(v) and (e)(viii)*, subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in the Plan to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment;
- All relevant reports are required to be provided to the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and to the Environmental Assessment Division of my Department for consultation;
- Annual updates on the status of wetland and riparian rehabilitation and compensation initiatives are required to be provided to the Environmental Assessment Division of my Department by email at EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca, and
- A revised Wetland and Riparian Plan: Compensation and Monitoring is required to be submitted to my Department for approval for any future expansion of the Lower Churchill Project, including the Gull Island Dam.



If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Cc: The Honourable Perry Trimper, MHA – Lake Melville