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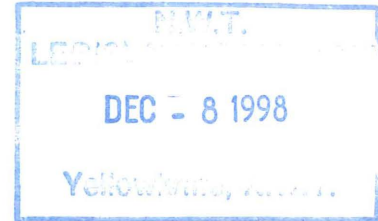
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The Honourable Goo Arlooktoo Minister of Justice The Government of the Northwest Territories Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9



Dear Minister:

Re: the Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act,

The Nunavut Act, s. 76.05, requires the Government of the Northwest Territories to consult with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated before the Interim Commissioner recommends to the Commissioner in Council legislative measures relating to the governance of Nunavut. We have been advised by the Office of the Interim Commissioner that the Nunavut Power utilities Statutes Amendment Act, the "Act", will be recommended to the Commissioner in Council by the Interim Commissioner.

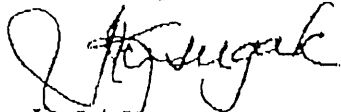
On behalf of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, I am pleased to provide the Honourable Minister with this letter confirming that the Government of the Northwest Territories has consulted with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated regarding the Act. The consultation process has been satisfactory in all respects.

While we are prepared to support the recommendation of the Interim Commissioner, we do have a reservation regarding the operation of s. 45 of the Act. We believe that the power to expropriate lands located within Nunavut should rest with the Government of Nunavut, and not with the Northwest Territories Power Corporation. We also believe that the ownership of lands expropriated under s. 45 should remain within Nunavut, and not with a corporate interest headquartered outside of Nunavut. Land ownership issues such as this, are of particular significance to NTI, as the organization charged with implementing the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. NTI has proposed a provision to be added to s. 45 of the Act and

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we remain hopeful that this matter will be addressed before passage of the Act.

Yours truly,



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President

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