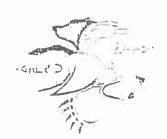
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June 16, 2014

Honorable Premier Philippe Couillard Conseil executif Edifice Honore-Mercier 835, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 3e étage Québec (Québec) G1A 1B4

DOSSIER R. 3864, 2012 Date: 19.06.2014 Pièces nº C. GRANTO?

Subject:

Green Alternatives to Diesel Technologies for Energy Production in Aboriginal Communities

Dear Honourable Premier Couillard,

On June 14, 2011 we wrote to former Premier Charest to affirm our desire to promote economic development on our lands, in partnership with Quebecers, on a Nation-to-Nation basis.

We also took that opportunity to highlight the importance of effectively and objectively evaluating projects using technologies that harness renewable resources such as wind energy and solar energy.

Whapmagoostul is an off-grid community, and is not connected to the hydroelectric network in Quebec, Like many of the villages in northern Quebec, Whapmagoostul depends on out-dated technology that burns diesel to produce electricity. This technology pollutes our community and does nothing to enhance wealth in the region as it does not create any opportunities for economic development or employment for our members.

It is significant that many of the northern Quebec communities, including ours, are mobilizing to change this situation. Our communities no longer accept that Hydro-Quebec continues to use obsolete and polluting diesel technology to provide electricity in northern Quebec.

This issue may become a source of major disagreement between our Nations. It is essential that Hydro-Quebec, the government-owned public utility company, consider alternative renewable energy options for the North. Options for clean, renewable energy sources are readily available and should be explored objectively and based on their efficiency.



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We hope to have the pleasure of meeting with you soon to discuss our hybrid energy project and our goals for a wealthier region.

Yours truly,

-Chief Stanley George

Whapmagoostul First Nation

cc. Pierre Arcand, Ministre des Ressources Naturelles

Geoffrey Kelley, Ministre des Affaires Autochtones

Enclosed: Testimony of Matthew Mukash to the Quebec Energy Board