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From Robert Madlener

To Ms. Laura Friend
Laura Friend, Manager,
Board Reviews

Re: NRCB Pre-Hearing Conference – Springbank Dry Dam

Thank you for this opportunity to apply to the Pre-hearing Conference to determine whether the SR1 Project is in the public interest. I would also like to apply for Intervenor status.

The following are concerns not adequately covered in official documents.

We, the taxpayers, request answers to the following concerns, and we have more to follow.

1. Concerns over the origins of SR1, and the questionable practices of choosing this particular option.
2. Concerns over uncontrolled growth of the project from just an Alberta Government Project to a project that financially includes all levels of government in and out of Canada.
3. Concerns over the lack of consistent budgetary updates.
4. Concerns over the lack of financial and contractual transparency.
5. Concerns for the intentional under sizing of the overall SR1 project.
6. Concerns for Springbank SR1 designed to the lowest permissible standards and the lack of crucial engineering safety factors
7. Concerns for the lack of answers on back to back flood or multiple flood considerations in one year
8. Concerns for threat of complete catastrophic failure with the SR1 project and the downstream domino effect of the tidal wave/ tsunami/ flash flood on infrastructure, the Glenmore Dam and others downstream.
9. Concerns for the lack of downstream Emergency Preparedness for infrastructure, drinking water and 1.3 million+ Albertan's lives in multiple towns and cities, with only minutes to escape.
10. Concerns that a project that will cost hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars and has grown to include so many jurisdictions, during a time of covid distress, Provincial financial concerns, should go to the public, in a plebiscite or similar vote, not unlike the Glenmore Dam in the 1920s.

I ask myself, why get involved in this time-consuming project? We the citizens deserve the truth and transparency on a project that inadequately tries to accomplish one thing, it can't help with critical issues such as mitigating droughts, store up water for different urgent needs and consumption or to fight forest fires that are becoming a frequent occurrence. Obviously, SR1 seems to be failing at flood control (undersized) which in the end places all Southern Alberta at risk.

Is this project in the public interest, does it protect the population of Southern Alberta from the four rivers that cause the dangerous floods in the Bow River Basin?

Is this project in the public interest and why is this project in the public interest?

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Robert Madlener