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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Ms. Tiege:

**Re: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project - Invitation to Participate in
Technical Working Group**

I am responding to your undated letter that you sent to the NRCB Chair by email on 11 August 2017 in which you for extend an invitation to participate in the technical working group that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency is establishing as part of the environmental assessment it is conducting of the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project.

As a quasi-judicial administrative decision maker, the NRCB does not believe it is appropriate for it to participate as a member of the working group. That said, the NRCB would encourage the working group and its members to participate in the NRCB public review process. In that regard, NRCB staff would welcome the opportunity to meet with the working group to discuss our process and the how the working group and its members can participate in the NRCB public review and hearing.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact me at 403-297-4304.

Yours sincerely;



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General Counsel

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