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Attention IAAC - Manto Sipi Cree Nation (MSCN) comments about MTI responses to IAAC P6 Information Requests (IRs).

This P6 material is being submitted by Whelan Enns Associates Inc - who have provided our Nation technical support regarding P6 since the start of the P6 regulatory process several years ago.

We are concerned about the insufficient review period for a 900 page document that was not accompanied by a listing of IR comments by IR number, page number and title. Anything less than three weeks to review this much material should be avoided. Long weekends do not belong in a regulatory review period. MSCN has been able to approach certain assessment topics of importance to our Nation. The review period did not allow comments on all content of importance to us.

There are certain patterns in the MTI responses to IAAC IRs that are surprising - and show a lack of knowledge, and what an Elder could point to as disrespect. Our traditional land is not the traplines only. What was our tradition and ancestral land then before there were Crown regulated traplines? MTI lacks what it takes to understand, respect and consult our people. This error is repeated over and over again in the MTI responses to IAAC IRs. We are concerned that this assumption may have been made by MTI about other affected and potentially affected First Nation participants.

There seems to be assumptions by MTI that show the Crown / proponent believes they can make changes, finalize the design/ route of P6, decide the details about the many water crossings, and choose which EMPs to change, etc. after they have received the permits and licence they seek. The odd addition about future regulatory, legislation and environmental protections worries us. Perhaps IAAC needs to assess the content in these responses from MTI for what is new to the process versus explanation of their EIS and its plans.

Please acknowledge receipt of this cover letter and the attached document of our comments on the MTI response to IAAC IRs.

Signed for MSCN by

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