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Jamie Lacey  
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Dear Jamie,

Re: Power Station Site (Electrical) - S 15-64-11-W5M - FNC202204642

We write on behalf of Swan River First Nation (Swan River) further to your plan submission through LOUIS Planner on 2022-09-07.

Swan River holds constitutionally-protected Aboriginal and Treaty rights in respect of the lands and waters in Treaty 8. We have always used the lands and waters in our territory to sustain us and to maintain our connection to our culture and way of life. Our members continue to use our territory today for traditional activities and for the exercise of our Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

Your proposal relates to lands and resources within our territory. If allowed to proceed, the activities will affect our lands and our members' ability to exercise their rights.

We are committed to fulfilling our obligations under our own laws and to ensuring that our rights are protected and respected. Swan River will not support development activities in our territory without first confirming that the activities will take place in a way that is consistent with our relationship with our lands and resources and respectful of our rights.

As part of this commitment, Swan River expects companies to engage with us and seek our consent prior to undertaking any resource development in our territory. Proponents should be prepared to participate in a respectful, good-faith process of engagement with Swan River, including about how the effects of the proposed activity can be addressed and how our members will benefit from the development of our lands and resources. It is critical that we be provided with access to funding to support our participation in all aspects of engagement on an informed and meaningful basis.

In addition, Swan River expects that the Crown will fulfil its constitutional obligations to us before issuing any authorizations for activities which could impact our lands or the exercise of our rights. Consultation must be consistent with the direction of the Supreme Court of Canada, the honour of the

Crown and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It must also be respectful of our own laws and our responsibilities to our members and our lands.

In light of the above, we invite you to contact us at your earliest convenience to discuss your proposal and to develop a mutually-agreeable process to ensure that any activities carried out in our ancestral homelands are sustainable and respectful of our rights, lands and culture. In the interim, we trust that no decisions will be made which will affect our lands and resources or the exercise of our Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Loretta Chalifoux  
Swan River First Nation

CC:

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