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To: PUB Muskrat Falls Review
Subject: comments: Referendum needed

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If time is available in my schedule and that of the review I will be pleased to make a presentation on this issue.

My comments are as follows:

The proposed Muskrat Falls development has the potential to have profound effects on Newfoundland and Labrador. This may be one of the most important decisions since confederation with Canada.

It is my view that the degree of consultation with the public is inadequate. There were referenda on the issue of schools, but the Muskrat Falls decision could have much greater long-term consequences.

There should be a referendum on whether to proceed with Muskrat Falls. There must be full public disclosure about the project and an opportunity for the public to vote. I completely reject the suggestion that this topic is too complex to put to a public vote. If the public can elect a government they can be trusted to make the right decision on Muskrat Falls. There should be fair rules to govern the conduct of the referendum to ensure that both sides have the opportunity to put their case (for and against) and the matter must be decided by a vote of electors.

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