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VIA FACSIMILE

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Dear Sir:

**Re: Access to Information under Part II of the
 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

You had forwarded two requests, one pertaining to monies paid directly to Split Lake and a second request pertaining to monies paid directly to advisors to Split Lake by Manitoba Hydro.

With respect to the second request, Manitoba Hydro does not directly pay any Split Lake advisors. The process/negotiating costs are handled on a cost reimbursable basis. Manitoba Hydro's processes in this regard have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board and have been the subject of discussions with the Office of the Provincial Auditor.

With respect to the monies provided to Tataskweyak Cree Nation directly, those monies are set out in the table below. We wish to point out however, that with respect to process costs, Tataskweyak and War Lake have joined together as the Cree Nation Partners and process costs, while provided to Tataskweyak, include some monies directly referable to War Lake. Both First Nations do however employ the same advisors.

	Process Costs	Mitigation Programming & Compensation
2003/04	\$1,390,000	\$613,200
2004/05	\$7,850,000	\$497,800
2005/06	\$7,430,000	\$196,200
2006/07	\$7,590,000	\$5,248,000
2007/08	\$7,980,000	\$5,401,000
2008/09	\$7,210,000	\$2,565,000

With respect to the mitigation programming and compensation, the amounts shown include amounts for predetermined compensation which is an obligation flowing from the 1992

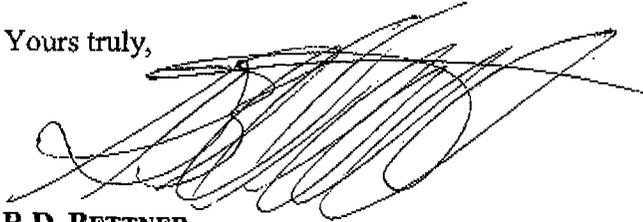
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Implementation Agreement for water level changes, shoreline protection works necessitated by high water events, debris control programs and severance line adjustment costs and compensation.

Manitoba Hydro also provided \$20,000 as a donation to the Tataskweyak Cree Nation 100th Anniversary Celebration of their adhesion to Treaty No. 5.

We trust you'll find this sufficient and are now closing our files.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.D. Bettner', written over a horizontal line.

R.D. BETTNER
Access & Privacy Officer

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