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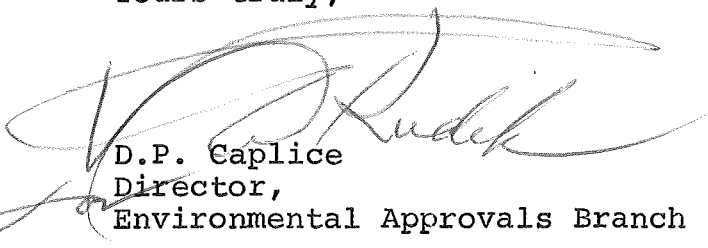
July 20, 1977

Ms. Heather Mitchell,
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Dear Ms. Mitchell:

I am forwarding to you a copy of Order in Council #1900/77 which establishes the Hartt Inquiry into resources development north of the 50th parallel, under the Public Inquiries Act 1971. This is as per your request of January 27, 1977.

Yours truly,



D.P. Caplice
Director,
Environmental Approvals Branch

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File 74-0006

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Copy of an Order-in-Council approved
by His Honour the Administrator of the Government
of the Province of Ontario, dated the 13th day of
July, A.D. 1977.

The Committee of Council have had under
consideration the report of the Honourable the
Minister of the Environment, wherein he states that,

Recognizing that major enterprises and related
technologies in that part of Ontario that is north
or generally north of the 50th parallel of north latitude
for the use of natural resources could have significant
beneficial and adverse effects on the environment, as
defined in Schedule A, for the people of Ontario and in
particular those people of Ontario who live north of the
50th parallel.

Recognizing further that any such effects on the
environment are hereby declared to be a matter of public
concern,

Recognizing further that the purpose of The
Environmental Assessment Act, 1975, is the betterment of
the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing
for the protection, conservation and wise management in
Ontario of the environment,

The Honourable the Minister of the Environment
recommends that the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Hartt,
a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, be appointed
a commission pursuant to the provisions of The Public
Inquiries Act, 1971, effective the 13th day of July, 1977:

1. to inquire into any beneficial and adverse effects on the environment as defined in Schedule A, for the people of Ontario of any public or private enterprise, which, in the opinion of the commission, is a major enterprise north or generally north of the 50th parallel of north latitude, such as those related to harvesting, supply and use of timber resources, mining, milling, smelting, oil and gas extraction, hydro-electric development, nuclear power development, water use, tourism and recreation, transportation, communications or pipelines,
2. to inquire into methods that should be used in the future to assess, evaluate and make decisions concerning the effects on the environment of such major enterprises
3. to investigate the feasibility and desirability of alternative undertakings north or generally north of the 50th parallel of north latitude, for the benefit of the environment as defined in Schedule A;
4. to report and make such recommendations to the Minister of the Environment from time to time and as expeditious as possible with respect to the subject matter of the inquiry as the commission deems necessary and desirable to carry out the purpose of The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975.

The Honourable the Minister of the Environment further recommends that

5. all the ministries, boards, agencies and committees of

the Government of Ontario be directed to assist the commission to the fullest extent,

6. the commission be authorized to engage such counsel, research and other staff and technical advisers as it deems proper for the purpose of carrying out the commission at rates of remuneration and reimbursement to be approved by the Management Board of Cabinet;
7. the commission be authorized to distribute funds to such persons as in its discretion, having regard to the criteria in Schedule B, it deems advisable for the purpose of ensuring effective participation by the public in the inquiry.

The Committee of Council concur in the recommendation of the Honourable the Minister of the Environment and advise that the same be acted on.

Certified,


Deputy Clerk, Executive Council.