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April 16, 1999 (original to be dated when signed)

Jim Noble
Acting Administrator
City of Dawson Creek
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Dear Jim Noble:

Re: Registration of the City of Dawson Creek under the *Water Protection Act*

I have completed my review of the City of Dawson Creek's application for registration under section 10(2) of the *Water Protection Act* (WPA) which is required to permit the removal of water from British Columbia in containers over 20 litres.

Section 10(2) of the WPA states:

10(2) The comptroller must register a person, other than one registered under subsection (1), as a licensed registrant, if each of the following requirements is fulfilled:

- (a) the person applies for registration in the form and manner required by the comptroller;
- (b) the application is received in the office of the comptroller no later than September 1, 1996;
- (c) the person is the holder of a licence in existence immediately before the date this section comes into force and, as of that date and the date of the application, the licence specifies an appurtenancy;
- (d) the person provides evidence, satisfactory to the comptroller, that the person or the person and any previous holders of the licence have been removing from British Columbia, before June 1, 1995,
 - (i) commercial quantities of the licensed water, if the licence is for industrial purpose, or
 - (ii) substantial quantities of the licensed water, if the licence is for any of the other purposes under the Water Act, as those purposes were defined under that Act immediately before the coming into force of this Act.

In several communications with my office during the fall of 1998, the City of Dawson Creek requested to adopt the applications of Les Enyedy Oilfield Services and Scott's Water Services. These applications were received by our office prior to the September 1, 1996 deadline in satisfactory form. As the City is the holder of the water licence for the water which is removed from the province, and as the original applicants had no objection, I permitted the City to adopt the applications.

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The City of Dawson Creek holds water licence (C108095) for water works, local authority, and storage purposes. This licence was issued in 1994 and is appurtenant to all of the land within the boundaries of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek. Based on evidence submitted to my office, I am satisfied that substantial quantities of the licensed water were removed from the province prior to June 1, 1995.

As all of the requirements for registration under section 10(2) of the *Water Protection Act* have been satisfied, I have registered the City of Dawson Creek, the holder of Conditional Water Licence 108095, as registrant number 10, for 9800 gallons per day.

All water which is to be removed from the province must be taken from the registered source, the Kiskatinaw River, and the volume of water removed must not exceed the maximum volume of 9800 gallons per day.

In order that this office can remain informed of water removals from British Columbia, I request that you file an annual report which confirms that there have been no changes in the works to which the registration is appurtenant; and provides evidence of the amount of water removed from the province. I would ask that your report for 1998 be filed by June 30, 1999 and in subsequent years by March 31 for the previous calendar year. I look forward to receiving your 1998 report.

Yours sincerely,

Original
Signed by

Don A. Fast
Comptroller of Water Rights

cc: Regional Water Manager, Omineca-Peace, Prince George

CHAPMAN/jf
bcc: Livia Meret, Ministry of Attorney General

