

## Appendix B- Douglas First Nation Questions and Cloudworks Responses Regarding Potential Project Impacts

Questions	Response
<b>Fish and Wildlife</b>	
What will the fisheries impacts of the Project be?	The possible impacts on fish have been studied and continue to be studied (some DFN members participated in the studies). The Project will be required to leave enough water in the diversion reach to ensure that there are no, or limited, impacts to fish. The Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be involved in reviewing the studies and will set the instream flow releases into their approvals. The Environmental Assessment Act Application provides the baseline and assessment of impacts on fish.
What impact will the Project have on wildlife?	The possible impacts on wildlife are being studied (some DFN members participated in the studies). The Project will be required to ensure there are no, or limited, impacts to wildlife. After construction, there will be even fewer impacts on wildlife, as most of the conduits will be buried and the intake and powerhouses will be fenced. The Environmental Assessment Act Application provides the baseline and assessment of impacts on wildlife.
How can the Elders provide their input on the potential wildlife impacts?	The Elders Coordinator for DFN was provided with lists of wildlife species likely to be in the area (all species and the priority species being studied), with a request to obtain input from the DFN Elders regarding the presence and importance of any of the species. This information was to be reported to Cloudworks' wildlife biologists to incorporate into the assessment. The Environmental Assessment Act Application provides the baseline and assessment of impacts on wildlife.
<b>Cultural</b>	
There exists an historic trail between the Sloquet and Stave watersheds. How will the project powerline route be designed to minimize or avoid impacts on the trail?	As the exact location of the trail is not known in relation to the project powerline route, Cloudworks confirmed that an archaeological impact assessment would be conducted during the detailed route design to ensure avoidance or minimal disturbance of the trail. The Environmental Assessment Act Application provides the reports and assessments regarding archaeological resources.
<b>Economic</b>	
What kinds of jobs are available for First Nations in the area?	The agreement contains commitments by Cloudworks to provide DFN with employment opportunities. Some Band members have been trained (sponsored by Cloudworks) as fisheries technicians, who assisted with fish and wildlife studies. Cloudworks generated a list of job opportunities that was provided at the September 1, 2005 Open House and at subsequent Open Houses, and extra copies were provided to distribute among other Band members and include in DFN newsletter.
What kinds of operating jobs are available?	The agreement contains commitments by Cloudworks to provide the DFN with employment opportunities. Cloudworks will require assistance with services related to maintenance of each facility, and for post-project environmental monitoring.
What is the timing for construction? (How long will there be construction jobs?)	Phased construction could start as early as Fall 2006 and the last facility could start operation in late 2010.