



Office of the Official Opposition

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Honorable Siobhan Coady
Minister of Natural Resources
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Dear Minister Coady,

As reported recently by CBC News, on August 30, 2018 the Resource Development Trades Council filed a mechanic's lien against Nalcor Energy and the Muskrat Falls project. This lien has since been amended and argues that Astaldi Canada Inc. has collected \$7.8 million in deductions from employees' paycheques but has not made the related remittances to the appropriate pension, health, and other plans.

This is concerning as those who work on the Muskrat Falls job site, who are employed by Astaldi, rely on these benefits and are planning to do so into the future.

As you are likely aware, Nalcor was asked to comment on this by CBC News. Nalcor indicated that it has protection under its contract with Astaldi and that Nalcor will provide the needed protection if Astaldi does not make these payments.

At this time I am asking you, as Minister of Natural Resources, to clarify this situation and Nalcor's statement. Can you please identify what specific provisions are in the contract with Astaldi which provides protection to both Nalcor and the workers of Astaldi?

I look forward to your response.

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