

APPENDIX VII

Letter dated November 7, 2000 from Premier Pat Duncan to

The Honourable Pam Buckway

Yukon



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Pamela Buckway
Minister of Community &
Transportation Services,
Minister of Justice
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Dear Minister Buckway,

Re: Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act

The purpose of this letter is to confirm in writing my verbal disclosure to you in May, 2000 after I was sworn into office as the Premier and as a Cabinet Minister of the Government of Yukon.

As you are aware, my brother Gordon Duncan is the sole owner and operator of Total North Communications Ltd. ("Total North"). Total North's expertise is in the area of wireless communications technology. My husband, Daryl Berube, is the manager of the wireless division of Total North.

Gordon also owns a 50% interest in Total Point Inc. ("Total Point"), and a 50% interest in GS Energy Systems Inc. ("GS").

Neither Daryl nor I have any ownership interest in Total North, Total Point or GS.

Total Point has developed a product line of low FM Transmitters that combines digital voice storage, remote access control and FM Transmitter technology.

GS is working on a proposal with Yukon Development Corporation and its subsidiary, Yukon Energy Corporation in studying the prospects for a hydrogen project in the Yukon.

As you know, my Ministerial responsibilities are as follows: Economic Development, Yukon Development Corporation, Yukon Energy Corporation, Finance, and Executive Council Office.



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There may be the appearance of a conflict of interest if I, as a Minister, participate in any discussions regarding the development of wireless communications or communications infrastructure in the Yukon Territory.

Therefore, I hereby formally advise my colleagues that I will exclude myself from voting on, participating in any debate or other consideration, and making any representation to another Member or Minister when such activities involve communications technology or communications infrastructure development in the Yukon Territory.

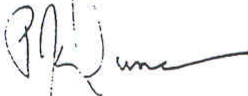
I have asked Minister Pam Buckway to act for me in the departments for which I am responsible as Minister when questions or considerations arise that concern the development of communications or involve business relations with Gordon Duncan in either his personal or corporate capacity.

I have asked Minister Buckway to act on my behalf because she has the knowledge and the background to deal with communications technology and infrastructure development. In addition, Minister Buckway is responsible for the "Connect Yukon" project which has been moved from Government Services to Community and Transportation Services.

For greater certainty, when matters arise before Cabinet or in the Legislative Assembly that have any relationship whatsoever to my brother's ownership interests I will abstain from voting and participating in discussion surrounding the issue, as already outlined.

Finally, I must ask each of my colleagues to refrain from all reference to dealings between the Government of Yukon and Total North, Total Point, GS or Gordon Duncan in his personal capacity during the course of our relationship together as Government colleagues.

Yours truly,



Pat Duncan,
Premier