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**SUBJECT: Keeyask Generation Project
Federal Review of the Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Mr. Ouimet:

The federal technical review of the Keeyask Generation Project - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been concluded. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received comments from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, Environment Canada, Health Canada and Natural Resources Canada. For your consideration, the Agency has organized and compiled the comments into the attached Excel spreadsheet as supplemental information requests (SIRs) for the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership).

The Agency understands that Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will provide direction to the Partnership with respect to preparing and communicating its response to the cooperative EIS review. In the interim, the Agency has forwarded a copy of the federal SIRs directly to the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) for its consideration. The Agency requests that the proponent responses to the federal SIRs be integrated into the enclosed spreadsheet to facilitate issues management. If required, any additional detailed information could be provided in a separate attachment or EIS addendum. A response from the Partnership is required to facilitate the ongoing federal review and development of the comprehensive study report.

As you are aware, environmental assessment information on the Keeyask Transmission Project is also required by the federal review team as part of its technical review of the Keeyask Generation Project. We remain in close communication with Manitoba Hydro and have been advised that they are targeting mid-October 2012 for the submission of an Environmental Assessment Report for the Keeyask Transmission Project.

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If you have any questions concerning the federal review of the Keeyask Generation Project EIS, please contact me at 204-983-7997 or by email at jim.morrell@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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Introduction

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Response to EIS Guidelines	Partners' Context, Wordviews & Evaluation Public Involvement Project Description Environmental Assessment Scope & Approach Environmental Effects Assessment Cumulative Effects Assessment Monitoring & Follow-Up Sustainable Development Conclusions
Environmental Impact Statement	Executive Summary
Keeyask Cree Nation (KCN) Environmental Evaluations	Cree Nation Partners - Keeyask Environmental Evaluation Kipekiskwaywinan Our Voices
Map and Figure Folio	Introduction Public involvement Project Description Environmental Effects Assessment
Project Description	Project Components Construction Schedule, Activities and Workforce Project Operation Project Decommissioning Alternative Means, Design, Mitigation
Physical Environment	Climate Air Quality and Noise Surface Water and Ice Regimes Physiography Shoreline Erosion Sedimentation Groundwater Surface Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Debris Sensitivity of Effects Assessment to Climate Change Effects of the Environment on the Project
Aquatic Environment	Water and Sediment Quality Aquatic Habitat Lower Trophic Levels Fish Community Lake Sturgeon Fish Quality Sensitivity of Effects Assessment to Climate Change
Terrestrial Environment	Habitat and Ecosystems Plants Invertebrates Amphibians and Reptiles Birds Mammals Wildlife and Mercury
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