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WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR WATERPOWER

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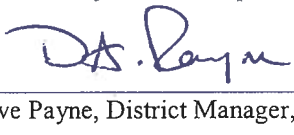
Matabitchuan River

MNR North Bay District, Northeast Region  
Ontario Power Generation Inc.  
Ministry of Natural Resources

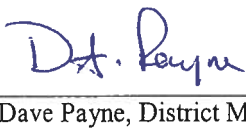
for the 10-year period 2007 to 2017

In submitting this plan, we confirm that this water management plan for waterpower has been prepared in accordance with *Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower*, as approved by the Minister of Natural Resources on May 14, 2002.

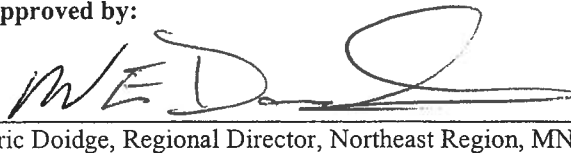
  
Peter Murray, Plant Group Manager, Northeast Plant Group and Evergreen Energy, OPGI June 19/07 date

  
Dave Payne, District Manager, North Bay District, MNR July 27, 2007 date

I certify that this water management plan has been prepared in accordance with *Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower*, as approved by the Minister of Natural Resources on May 14, 2002, and that direction from other sources, relevant policies and other obligations have been considered. I recommend this plan be approved for implementation.

  
Dave Payne, District Manager, North Bay District, MNR July 27, 2007 date

Approved by:

  
Eric Doidge, Regional Director, Northeast Region, MNR Aug - 24/07 date

In 1994, MNR finalized its Statement of Environmental Values (SEV) under the Environmental Bill of Rights. The SEV is a document that describes how the purposes of the EBR are to be considered whenever decisions are made that might significantly affect the environment. During the development of this water management plan, the ministry has considered its SEV.

This water management plan (WMP) sets out legally enforceable provisions for the management of flows and levels on this river within the values and conditions identified in the WMP. Nothing in this WMP precludes the Minister from making further Orders under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.

In instances where, due to emergency energy shortages, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) requests that owners of the waterpower facilities and associated water control structures seek relief from certain provisions of this WMP, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) will consider those requests expeditiously and, after consultation with the IESO, may allow short-term relief from certain provisions.

The mandatory provisions of this WMP will be waived, as appropriate, when the dam owners (which may include other dam owners, such as MNR) are requested to do so by a police service or other emergency measures organization.

This plan does not authorize any other activity, work or undertaking in water or for the use of water, or imply that existing dams(s) meet with safe design, operation, maintenance, inspection, monitoring and emergency preparedness to provide for the protection of persons and property under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*. Approval of this WMP does not relieve the dam owners from their responsibility to comply with any other applicable legislation. For the purposes of this plan, an operational plan means a plan for the management of flows and levels.

Approval of this plan does not grant a dam owner the right to flood Crown land or the land of any other person without first obtaining the Crown's or that person's consent, nor does it authorize any infringement of the rights of the Crown or of any other person.