

Manitoba Water Power Application

On February 8, 2012, 5900345 Manitoba Ltd., the general partner on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLP), with its head office at 360 Portage Avenue, PO Box 815, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2P4, filed with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship Division, Department of Conservation and Water Stewardship an application for an Interim Water Power Licence under *The Water Power Act (Manitoba)* to permit the development of a hydroelectric generating station on the Nelson River to be known as the Keeyask Generating Station (GS). The KHLP is comprised of: general partner 5900345 Manitoba Ltd. and limited partners being Manitoba Hydro (MH), Cree Nation Partners Limited Partnership, York Factory First Nation Limited Partnership and Fox Lake Cree Nation Keeyask Investments Limited.

The Keeyask GS will be approximately 180 km (112 miles) northeast of Thompson, 60 km (37 miles) northeast of Split Lake, and 30 km (18.6 miles) west of Gillam. The Project will be located entirely within the Split Lake Resource Management Area. Water will be stored within a newly formed reservoir that will flood approximately 4500 hectares (11,120 acres) of provincial crown land and is predicted to expand by 700-800 hectares (1730-1980 acres) during the first 30 years of the project's operation. No privately owned land will be flooded.

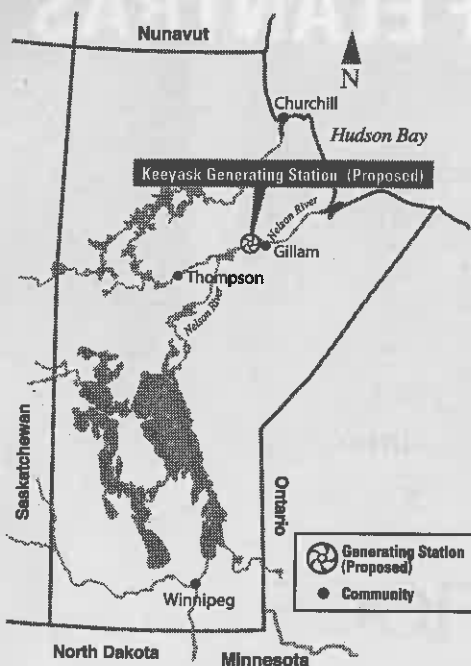
An Environmental Impact Statement for the Keeyask GS was filed on July 6, 2012.

The proposed Keeyask GS is scheduled to start construction the summer of 2014 subject to regulatory licences and approvals. It will start generating power in 2019 and construction will be completed in 2022. The proposal provides for 695 MW (932,000 hp) of generation capacity and the energy produced will be sold to MH for inclusion in MH's Integrated Power System.

For more information about the Interim Water Power Licence Application, please contact Rob Matthews, Manager, Water Use Licensing Section at Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Box 16 - 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3 or at 204.945.6118. The Interim Water Power Licence Application is available at the following website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/licensing/keeyask.html>

Written protests or objections regarding the application may be filed by any interested parties with Dwight Williamson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship Division at the above address on or before August 31, 2012.



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Notice of Environment Impact Statement

Conservation and Water Stewardship has received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to *The Environment Act* for the following project and invites public participation in the review process:
KEYASK HYDROPOWER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - KEYASK GENERATION PROJECT - FILE: 5550.00

On July 6, 2012, The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership filed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a new 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station to be located on the lower Nelson River, approximately 180 km northeast of Thompson (the Project). The Project includes a powerhouse complex, spillway, dams, dykes, reservoir and supporting infrastructure.

In addition to *The Manitoba Environment Act* review requirements, the Project is subject to a comprehensive study level of federal environmental assessment under *The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. A cooperative environmental assessment process has been undertaken by Canada and Manitoba for this project.

Public comment is invited on the EIS until September 20, 2012. All comments received will be considered public and will become part of the project file.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by E-mail (Darrell.Ouimet@gov.mb.ca), not later than September 20, 2012. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station) Main Floor, Winnipeg; the Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; the Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg; the Thompson Public Library, 81 Thompson Dr., Thompson; Manitoba Keewatinowil Okimakanak, 701 Thompson Dr., Thompson; Town office of Gillam, 323 Railway Ave., Gillam; Band office in Tataskeyak Cree Nation; War Lake First Nation Band Office in Ilford; York Factory Future Development Office, York Landing; Electronic registry <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/cal/index.html> or by contacting Darrell Ouimet, Environment Officer at 204-803-1389 or darrell.ouimet@gov.mb.ca.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of *The Environment Act*.

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