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**SOUTHERN CHIEFS' ORGANIZATION
 CHIEFS-IN-SUMMIT
 PEGUIS FIRST NATION
 NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH, 2009**

CERTIFIED

RESOLUTION: #9

SUBJECT: Supporting Demand for Environmental Audit of Manitoba Hydro

MOVED BY: Chief Glenn Hudson; Peguis First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Emery Stagg; Dauphin River First Nation

WHEREAS: The Southern Chiefs' Organization represents thirty-six (36) Southern First Nations in Manitoba to address and lobby on behalf of its members on issues that require unity and attention; and

WHEREAS: The Southern First Nations continue to be adversely affected by Manitoba Hydro projects that control water flows on all major lakes and tributaries of watersheds flowing into the Hudson's Bay; and

WHEREAS: Manitoba Hydro has constructed massive diversions and augmentations without final licensing, without adequate environmental assessments, and without the consent and consultation of impacted First Nations in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS: These hydro projects continue to cause adverse effects inclusive of cultural and socio-economic impacts on First Nations, including the flooding of lands and traditional territories; massive shoreline erosion; the destruction of the fisheries; mercury contamination; the destruction of burial grounds and sacred sites; community dislocation and severe poverty.

THEREFORE THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS-IN-SUMMIT RESOLVE:

To call upon the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada, owing to their fiduciary responsibility to First Nations, and International Governments to conduct a full environmental audit of Manitoba Hydro to assess the continuing environmental, cultural and economic impacts of hydro related projects.

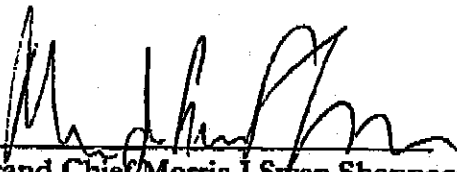
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

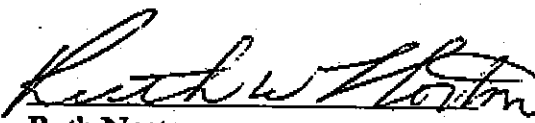
That a full environmental audit including appointments of both an independent auditor and ombudsperson be included in the process and to include all current and future hydro related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the SCO Chiefs-in-Summit direct Grand Chief Morris Swan-Shannacappo to engage with all responsible governments and energy entities to ensure the rights and interests of the SCO First Nations are protected and to ensure the proper mechanisms are in place for the effective conduct of the requested audits.

Certified Resolution Adopted on November 18th & 19th, 2009 at Peguis First Nation, Manitoba.


Grand Chief Morris J Swan Shannacappo
Southern Chiefs' Organization


Ruth Norton
Chairperson