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May 17, 2017

Dave Bowen Keeyask Project Manager Manitoba Hydro 360 Portage Ave (17) Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Re: <u>Environment Act Licence No. 3107 – Request for Extension to Release of</u> <u>Impounded Water to the Nelson River</u>

This letter will acknowledge receipt of Manitoba Hydro's email, dated May 12, 2017, regarding your request for an extension to the approval granted on April 13, 2017 to the Notice of Alteration filed on April 10, 2017 to Environment Act Licence no. 3107 issued to Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership for the Keeyask Generation Project.

Your letter requests permission to extend the approval to release water impounded behind cofferdams directly to the Nelson River if the Total Suspended Solids concentration is <50mg/L until June 15, 2017.

As the potential environmental effects resulting from the request are not expected to be significant, an extension to the deadline for the previously approved alteration request is hereby approved pursuant to Section 14(2). Should you have any questions about the review process, please contact Darrell Ouimet at (204) 803-1389 or <u>Darrell.Ouimet@gov.mb.ca</u>.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Braun, M. Sc. Director

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