Notice of Environmental Impact Assessment

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:

<u>KEEYASK HYDROPOWER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - KEEYASK GENERATION</u> 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 Keewatinowi Okimakanak, 701 Thompson Dr., Thompson; Town Office of Gillam, 323 Railway Ave., Gillam; Band office in Tataskweyak 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/eal/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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