## Keeyask Generation Project Notice of Environment Act Proposal, Public Comment Period and Federal Funding Available

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership proposes the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project), a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station located on the lower Nelson River, approximately 180 kilometres northeast of Thompson. The Project includes a powerhouse complex, spillway, dams, dykes, reservoir and supporting infrastructure.

The Project is subject to an environmental assessment under *The Manitoba Environment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. A cooperative environmental assessment process will be undertaken by Canada and Manitoba for this project.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) invites the public to comment on the Project and the conduct of the comprehensive study, as described in a background document prepared by the Agency. The background document is available on the Agency's website at <a href="www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca">www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca</a> (registry reference number 11-03-64144). To obtain a paper copy of the document, contact the project manager listed in this notice.

Written comments in either official language must be sent by January 31, 2012 to:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Jim Morrell, Project Manager Suite 101, 167 Lombard Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3B 0T6 Tel: (204) 983-7997 Fax: (204) 983-7174 KeeyaskGeneration@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

All comments received will be considered public and will become part of the project file.

## \$35,000 Available for Public Participation

The Agency is making available \$35,000 under its Participant Funding Program to support participation in activities related to future public consultations during the environmental assessment of this project.

Applications received by **January 31, 2012** will be considered. Information is available on the Agency's website. To submit an application or to obtain additional information, contact:

Participant Funding Program Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency 160 Elgin Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> floor Ottawa ON, K1A 0H3

Tel.: 1-866-582-1884 Fax.: 613-948-9172

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Manitoba Conservation has received an Environment Act Proposal for the Project (File 5550.00). Submitted with the proposal includes a document called "Scoping Document for the Environmental Assessment of the Keeyask Generation Project" (the Scoping Document).

Public comment is invited on the Environment Act Proposal and the Scoping Document. All comments received will be considered public and will become part of the project file. The Scoping Document will be used to form joint provincial/federal guidelines for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A separate notice will be published following receipt of the EIS for the project. The EIS will also be made available for public review and comment.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation related to the proposal should, **by January 31, 2012** contact:

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Further information is available from the Public Registries located at:

- Winnipeg: 123 Main St. (Union Station) Main Floor;
   Millennium Public Library, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 251 Donald St.;
   Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave.
- Thompson: Thompson Public Library, 81 Thompson Dr. and the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, 701 Thompson Dr.
- Town Office of Gillam, 323 Railway Ave., Gillam
- Tataskweyak Cree Nation Band Office

Or on the electronic registry at <a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/index.html">http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/index.html</a>



