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Dear Wes Penner:

Thank you for your previous email submissions regarding the monthly progress update on the completion of the Missi Falls study. The intent of your submission is to demonstrate how Manitoba Hydro is meeting the May 12, 2021, Churchill River Diversion Water Power Act Final Licence conditions together with the section 87 instructions (together "the Conditions") relating to the requirement of Manitoba Hydro working with Manitoba on a study to improve the environment for fish downstream of the Missi Falls control structure.

The Conditions also require Manitoba Hydro to work with Manitoba to expand the Coordinated Aquatic Monitoring Program (CAMP) with input from Indigenous communities and using Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. Manitoba Hydro is to work with the Fisheries Branch of Manitoba to meet the requirement of the Conditions. The expansion of CAMP will include shoreline erosion, shoreline wetland issues (such as traditional plants, medicines, and waterfowl), and monitoring of terrestrial and riparian components and shoreline health.

It is Manitoba's expectation that Manitoba Hydro has the Missi Falls study completed prior to the Churchill River Diversion Water Power Act Final Licence expiring on September 1, 2026. As per the Conditions, the study should be informed by Traditional Indigenous knowledge. Therefore, prior to Manitoba approving the study to proceed, we require that Manitoba Hydro plan for and hold a session with Indigenous communities that are impacted by this matter to solicit their input on the scope, design, and execution of the study. Manitoba will attend this session and, for clarity purposes, it is our expectation that Manitoba Hydro will incorporate the input of the Indigenous communities received at this session and from other processes implemented by Manitoba Hydro to gather this information into the scope, design, and execution of the study. This study is critical to supporting renewal licencing.

It is also our expectation that progress on the expansion of CAMP is well underway and elements are being implemented prior to the expiry of the licence. As of

the date of this letter, I require Manitoba Hydro to submit a bi-monthly progress report on Condition compliance. The report must include updates on the Missi Falls study and expansion of CAMP. Your next report is due August 30, 2024.

The report(s) are to include but are not limited to an explanation of what Manitoba Hydro is working on to comply with these Conditions, what progress has been made so far, and what Manitoba Hydro's proposed plan is for full implementation of the Conditions, along with a detailed timeline for compliance.

In addition, I require Manitoba Hydro to submit the following five reports within the due dates as mentioned in the table below.

<b>Annual Reports</b>	<b>Period Covered</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Annual Water Levels and Flows Report	Each calendar year	June 30
Wuskwatim Annual Report	Each calendar year	June 30
Keeyask Annual Report	Each fiscal year (April-March)	June 30
Indigenous Engagement Report, North	Each fiscal year (April-March)	June 30
Indigenous Engagement Report, Winnipeg River	Each fiscal year (April-March)	June 30

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Asit Dey, Engineering Manager, Environmental Approvals Branch at [Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Asit.Dey@gov.mb.ca) or 204-794-3389.

Sincerely,

*Original document signed by Agnes Wittmann*

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