

NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROPOSED NEW POST CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) and Coral Rapids Power Inc. (CRP), a wholly owned company of Taykwa Tagamou Nation (TTN), are proposing to develop approximately 25 megawatts (MW) of renewable hydroelectric power under the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects through the construction of the New Post Creek Hydroelectric Project (Proposed Undertaking).

The Proposed Undertaking will divert water from New Post Creek through penstocks to the generating station (GS) on the Abitibi River. The dam and water intake will be located on New Post Creek, whereas the powerhouse and tailrace channel will be located approximately 700 metres to the west, adjacent to the Abitibi River. Associated activities include improvements to existing access roads, establishment of a temporary construction site and installation of an approximately seven kilometre long transmission line, which would connect to an existing Hydro One 115 kilovolt transmission line on the west side of the Abitibi River.

The location of the Proposed Undertaking is shown on the map. The anticipated zone of influence is on New Post Creek and a small area of the Abitibi River. The Proposed Undertaking is located about 100 kilometres north of the Town of Smooth Rock Falls and 13 kilometres northeast of OPG's Abitibi Canyon GS.

Under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Proposed Undertaking is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Waterpower Projects as a new project on a managed waterway. An Environmental Report (ER) has been prepared as required under the Class EA. The Proposed Undertaking has been reviewed in a process consistent with the Class EA for Waterpower Projects, the results of which are described in the ER and associated Technical Support Documents (TSDs).

Through the EA process, CRP/OPG will have met the intent of water management planning and incorporated the Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) subsequent review and approval of the Proposed Undertaking under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* such that a subsequent separate review of the Proposed Undertaking will not be required, and an administrative amendment will subsequently be made to the Abitibi River Water Management Plan.

The proposed New Post Creek Hydroelectric Project offers significant economic benefits to northeastern Ontario communities and TTN. The Proposed Undertaking will benefit Ontario in terms of the gross revenue charges that

would be paid to the Province, and by providing a long-term, renewable and reliable energy source that supports provincial green energy, climate change and Aboriginal policies, and aligns well with the needs of the provincial electrical system. The Province would also benefit by the related taxes and charges that result from all aspects of the Proposed Undertaking. Any negative environmental effects associated with the Proposed Undertaking are minor and/or temporary and most, if not all, will be addressed through appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures. Lower flows over the New Post Creek waterfalls may result in a negative effect on the aesthetic values and tourism, but this effect is considered to be minor and operational constraints have been incorporated into the Proposed Undertaking to mitigate this effect.

Finally, this 25 MW GS on a human-made river system is preferable to develop over multiple greenfield sites on natural river systems. This Proposed Undertaking will have a positive net benefit for the people of Ontario.

The ER and the TSDs are available for a 43 calendar day public review period from Nov. 13, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014. Hard copies of the ER and TSDs may be found during this review period at the following locations:

- Ministry of Natural Resources Office, Cochrane
- Smooth Rock Falls Municipal Office, Smooth Rock Falls
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation Band Office in Cochrane
- Ministry of Natural Resources Office, Moosonee
- The Moose Cree First Nation Band Office in Moose Factory

The ER and TSDs may also be downloaded from the New Post Creek Hydroelectric Project website: www.newpostcreek.com.

If you are an interested party with an outstanding environmental concern about the Proposed Undertaking, please raise your concern with CRP/OPG or SENES Consultants at the contact information provided. If we are unable to come to a mutually acceptable resolution, concerned citizens have recourse in a written request to the Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, 2 St. Clair Ave. West, Floor 12A, Toronto, ON M4V 1L5, Attention: Agatha Garcia-Wright, to reclassify (or elevate) the Project (Proposed Undertaking) to an Individual Environmental Assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. A copy of the reclassification request must also be sent to CRP/OPG and to SENES Consultants. The last date when the request for reclassification can be received is Friday, Jan. 3, 2014.

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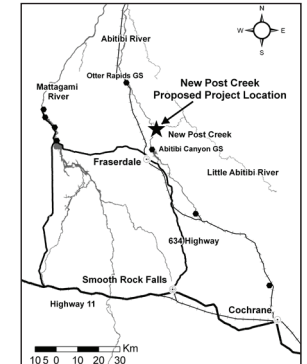
For more information on the Project please visit:

www.newpostcreek.com

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this Proposed Undertaking and will be released if requested, to any person.

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