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Ms. Tracey Braun, Director  
Manitoba Conservation  
Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch  
123 Main Street, Ste 160, Union Station  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

Dear Ms. Braun:

**RE: KEYYASK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT – NORTH ACCESS ROAD STARTUP CAMP**  
**File: 111400135.100**

The Keyyask Hydropower Limited Partnership, represented by the General Partner, 5900345 Manitoba Ltd., submitted an application for regulatory approval for the Keyyask Infrastructure Project on July 31, 2009, and additional information dated August 31, 2009, October 2, 2009, October 6, 2009, October 26, 2009, and June 11, 2010. I would like to provide you with updated information concerning two topics, *i*) the wastewater facilities for the North Access Road Startup Camp; and *ii*) the potential construction schedule.

***Change in design of wastewater facilities for startup camp***

The following are our current plans for the wastewater-disposal facilities, developed as a result of the acquisition of additional information:

- Application of a “total area” disposal field is proposed, rather than a “trench-type” disposal field, resulting in a smaller footprint for the field.
- Higher application rates to the field are proposed, as a result of acquiring additional, more-favourable soil texture data.
- A higher elevation of the base of the field will be used, due to acquisition of better data.
- A pressure system will be used, rather than a gravity system, for the field distribution system.

Technical data supporting the wastewater facilities design alterations have been provided to technical representatives from your Department.

***Potential Changes To Construction Schedule***

The Partnership is considering a June start for the construction of the North Access Road Startup Camp, rather than the November start originally contemplated. All other seasonal aspects of the construction schedule (including the road, the Looking Back Creek Bridge and the Main Camp) would remain as previously proposed, commencing in November 2011. The rationale for the earlier start is that the Startup Camp can be completed and be ready to be occupied when the clearing and grubbing and the construction of the other components of the Project commence. In considering this potential construction date, we would also like to retain the original option of a November construction start as well.

We have reconsidered the environmental assessment of the Project with respect to these changes and do not anticipate any material change to the effects assessment already provided to you. Aside from the Startup Camp, the seasonality of the construction timeline of the major components has not changed. While the June timing to start the construction of the Startup Camp coincides with the start of the caribou calving season our environmental specialists believe the potential for caribou calving to occur in habitats near the Startup Camp is very low. To ensure construction activities do not interfere with caribou calving, potential caribou calving complexes near the Startup Camp will be monitored prior to and during construction. With respect to bird nest disturbance, the major site preparation-related disturbance from the Project will occur in the winter months, and therefore no significant adverse effects are anticipated. With a June start for the Startup Camp, there is the potential for nest disturbance in the localized area of the Startup Camp near PR 280. This effect is considered minor. Overall, we do not expect any material changes to the effects on the physical, terrestrial or aquatic environment.

We look forward to the receipt of the Environment Act licence for the Keeyask Infrastructure Project.

Yours truly,

5900345 Manitoba Ltd.  
as general partner of the  
Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

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President

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