

April 12, 2013

Ontario Waterpower Association
President
380 Armour Road, Suite 264
Peterborough, ON K9H 7L7

Dear Mr. Norris:

**Subject: Trout Lake River - Notice of Completion on the Environmental Report
(Projects on Unmanaged Waterways) and Notice of Water Management Plan**

As you may be aware, Horizon Hydro is proposing to construct a 3 to 4-MW hydroelectric project at Big Falls on the Trout Lake River within the Unorganized Township of Gerry in northwestern Ontario. The project will include an overflow weir near the crest of the falls, an intake channel and penstock leading to a powerhouse at the base of the falls on the left bank, and a new access road and transmission line to connect to existing facilities along South Bay Road. The closest communities to the project area are Ear Falls (approximately 30 km to the south) and Red Lake (approximately 50 km to the northwest).

The project is subject to the Ontario Waterpower Association's (OWA's) Class Environmental Assessment ("EA") for Waterpower Projects and is categorized as a project on an unmanaged waterway pursuant to the Class EA. An Environmental Report ("ER") has been prepared as required under the Class EA. The report also contains a Water Management Plan for the proposed facility. Horizon Hydro has retained Hatch Ltd. to undertake the Class EA.

The Notice of Completion, required under the OWA's Class EA, is attached. As stated in the Notice, the Final ER for the Trout Lake River Hydroelectric Project will be available for a 30-day review period, running from April 18 to May 17, 2013. An electronic copy of the report is available for download on the Project website (www.troutlakehydro.ca).

Printed copies of the report are available for review at the locations provided below:

- Ear Falls Public Library - 2 Willow Cres. Ear Falls, ON
- Ear Falls Municipal Office - 2 Willow Cres. Ear Falls, ON
- Red Lake Public Library, Red Lake Branch - 117 Howey Street, Red Lake, ON

Per the process outlined in the OWA Class EA, should you feel that there are outstanding issues with the proposed Project, you must first attempt to resolve these with the proponent during the 30-day review period. If these issues cannot be resolved, you may make a written request to the Minister of the Environment (see contact information on the Notice of Completion) for a Part II Order under the Environmental Assessment Act. Requests for Part II Orders must be made in accordance with the



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provisions set out in the Class EA and must be received by the Minister of the Environment no later than 4:00 pm on May 17, 2013.

Contact information for the proponent is as follows:

Email: Troutlakeinfo@m-k-e.ca

Mail: Karen McGhee, Project Manager, Horizon Hydro Operations Ltd.
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 801, P.O. Box 2300
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Should you wish to discuss the project further, please contact the environmental coordinator/consultant Noel Boucher at Hatch Ltd. (nboucher@hatch.ca; 905-374-0701, Ext. 5757) or Karen McGhee at Horizon Hydro (troutlakeinfo@m-k-e.ca; 905-331-9692).

Yours faithfully,

Noel Boucher
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Attachment
Notice of Completion and Preliminary Water Management Plan

Printed copies of the report are available for review at the locations provided below:

- Ear Falls Public Library - 2 Willow Crest Ear Falls, ON
- Ear Falls Municipal Office - 2 Willow Crest Ear Falls, ON
- Red Lake Public Library, Red Lake Branch - 117 Hawkey Street Red Lake, ON

For the period outlined in the OWA Class EA, should you feel that the outstanding issues with the proposed project, you must first attempt to resolve them with the proponent during the 30-day review period. If these issues cannot be resolved, you may make a written request to the Director of the Environment (see contact information on the Notice of Completion) for a Part II Order under the Environmental Assessment Act. Requests for Part II Orders must be made in accordance with the



Notice of Completion and Preliminary Water Management Plan

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An Environmental Report ("ER") has been prepared as required under the Class EA. The proposed project has been reviewed in a process consistent with the Class EA for Waterpower Projects, the results of which are described in the Trout Lake River Hydro Project ER. The conclusions of the ER indicate that the Project will not cause significant adverse environmental effects after mitigation measures are applied.

The ER is available for a 30 day review period. Thus, this ER is being made available for review and comment from April 18 through to May 17, 2013. Hard copies of the ER may be reviewed during this period at the following public locations:

- Ear Falls Public Library – 2 Willow Crescent, Ear Falls, ON
- Ear Falls Municipal Office – 2 Willow Crescent, Ear Falls, ON
- Red Lake Public Library, Red Lake Branch, 117 Howey Street, Red Lake, ON

The ER may also be viewed electronically at: www.troutlakehydro.ca

Horizon Hydro Operations Ltd. must receive all comments in writing regarding the Project and/or the ER no later than 4:00 pm on May 17, 2013. All comments and correspondence should be sent to:

Karen McGhee , Project Manager Horizon Hydro Operations Ltd. 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 801 P.O. Box 2300 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Tel: (905) 331-9692 Email: troutlakeinfo@m-k-e.ca	Noel Boucher , Environmental Coordinator Hatch Ltd. 4342 Queen Street, Suite 500 Niagara Falls, ON L2E 7J7 Tel: (905) 374-0701 Ext. 5757 Email: nboucher@hatch.ca
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Per the process outlined in the Class EA, interested parties must first attempt to resolve any outstanding issues with the proponent during the 30 day period. In the event that issues cannot be resolved during the review period the concerned party may make a written request, to the Minister of the Environment at the address noted below for a Part II Order under the Environmental Assessment Act (Individual Environmental Assessment). A copy of the Part II Order request must also be sent to the Proponent at the addresses noted above.

Minister of the Environment
77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto, ON, M7A 2T5

Requests for Part II Orders must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in the Class Environmental Assessment and must be received by the Minister of the Environment and Proponent no later than 4:00 pm on May 17, 2013. A copy of the Class EA for Waterpower Projects is posted on the Ontario Waterpower Association website at www.owa.ca.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 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 matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

