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Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch
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Attention: Ms. Tracey Braun

Dear Tracey:

Re: KEYYASK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership submitted the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement on July 6, 2012. On November 19, 2012, the Partnership provided a formal response to Requests for Additional Information from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, which had considered comments from Manitoba government departments, the federal review team and the public.

A number of the Requests for Additional Information asked for more detail on the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Protection Program. In the November 2012 *Responses to Requests for Additional Information from TAC and Public, Round 1*, the Partnership indicated that it was in the process of developing many of the environmental management and monitoring plans to be included in the final Environmental Protection Program. It is understood that these plans will be required either prior to the issuance of regulatory authorizations or as a condition of the authorizations. The Scoping Document submitted by the Partnership in December 2011 and the Guidelines issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency in March 2012 required a description of these plans in the EIS, which was done in Chapter 8 of the Response to the EIS Guidelines.

While the detailed plans are not a requirement for the EIS, the Partnership committed to provide the majority of these plans in the first half of 2013. At this time, the Partnership is pleased to provide regulators with the following:

- Preliminary Generation Station Construction Environmental Protection Plan;
- Preliminary South Access Road Construction Environmental Protection Plan;
- Preliminary Instream Construction Sediment Management Plan;

- Preliminary Construction Access Management Plan; and
- Preliminary Heritage Resources Protection Plan.

The Partnership intends to provide regulators with the following additional components of the Environmental Protection Program in the second quarter of 2013:

- Preliminary Fish Habitat Compensation Plan;
- Preliminary Physical Environment Monitoring Plan;
- Preliminary Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan;
- Preliminary Terrestrial Effects Monitoring Plan;
- Preliminary Socio-Economic Monitoring Plan; and
- Preliminary Resource Use Monitoring Plan.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact Vicky Cole at 204 360-4621.

Yours truly,

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as general partner of the
Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership



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