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Dear Mr. Bowen:

**Re: Keeyask Generation Project – Notice of Alteration concerning Water-up and Impoundment Environment Act Licence No. 3107**


This is in response to your Notice of Alteration filed on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership on January 10, 2020. The alteration involves a change in the timing of water-up and impoundment for the Keeyask Generation Project, specifically from a fall event to a winter event, commencing in February, 2020.

The environmental review provided with the Notice of Alteration indicates that the incremental environmental effects of the alteration are insignificant. I concur with this assessment. Accordingly, the alteration is approved pursuant to Section 14(2) of The Environment Act. All mitigation measures and monitoring described in the environmental review shall be implemented. This includes mitigation measures to be implemented if backwater effects resulting from impoundment are observed on Clark Lake, and mitigation measures in case migratory caribou are observed in the Keeyask area.

I note that concerns with the alteration have been identified to me by Tataskweyak Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation, and that these concerns have not been resolved. While my approval of the alteration is based on the environmental review provided, I consider that choosing to proceed with the alteration under the circumstances is a matter for the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership to resolve.

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Yours truly,



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