

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS

Ontario Waterpower Association's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects

RE: An Amendment to the Class Environment Assessment for Waterpower Projects

Proponent: Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA)

EA File No.: EA-03-03-02-02

Having considered the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act, the amendments to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (November 2015), the amending procedures, and the submissions received, I hereby give approval and amend the Class Environmental Assessment. Please see the amended sections of the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects, in tracked changes, attached to this notice.

The proponent shall provide to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch two copies of the consolidated approved amended Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects for its public record file and for staff use for monitoring and compliance purposes. The proponent shall also post the amended document on its web site. The consolidated document shall include any necessary formatting or other administrative changes including updates to names of government agencies or legislation as may be applicable as outlined in the amendment.

The proponents authorized to use this Class Environmental Assessment shall comply with the provisions/process as outlined in the amended document which are hereby incorporated into this approval.

REASONS

My reasons for giving approval are:

- (1) The amendments were prepared in accordance with Condition 3 of its Environmental Assessment Act approval, dated October 25, 2010 and the amendment provisions outlined in Section 8.2 of its Class EA.
- (2) On the basis of the proponent's amended Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects and the proponent's conclusion that, on balance, the advantages of this undertaking outweigh its disadvantages appears to be valid.
- (3) No other beneficial alternative method of implementing the amended undertaking was identified.

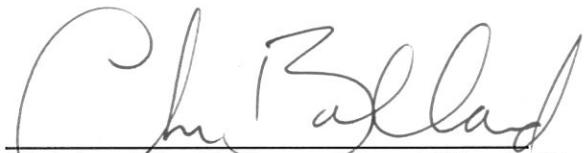
- (4) OWA consulted on its amendments and demonstrated that the amendments were consistent with current legislation requirements and planning practices to provide for a more effective planning process to deliver municipal infrastructure and servicing in a more efficient and environmentally sustainable manner.
- (5) OWA's amendments are consistent with the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects, the purpose and provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act and are in the public interest.
- (6) The Government Review Team and public review have indicated no outstanding concerns that have not been addressed or considered.

CONDITIONS:

Conditions that must be met on this approval:

- (1) Table 3 – Potential Effects Identification Matrix in the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects will be amended by the Ontario Waterpower Association to require proponents to consider the impact that climate may have on the project (resiliency) as well as the project's effect on climate (mitigation).
- (2) Within thirty (30) days of the approval of the amendment to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects, the Ontario Waterpower Association must make available on a website accessible to the public, a list of all active projects, including all project notifications and documentation, being undertaken under the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects.
- (3) The Ontario Waterpower Association will provide notification of the approval of the amendment to:
 - a. All Indigenous communities in the Province of Ontario, as well as the Chiefs of Ontario by registered mail; and,
 - b. All municipalities through the Association of Ontario Municipalities.

Dated the 19th day of October 2017 at TORONTO.



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