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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Notice of Approval to proceed with a major amendment to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) submitted by the Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA).

This amendment creates a new category for small waterpower projects that have a nameplate capacity of 500 kilowatt (kW) or under and are associated with existing waterpower management infrastructure. The new category also includes projects that increase the efficiency of existing waterpower facilities, including the use, retrofitting, redeveloping, upgrading or like-for-like replacement of existing infrastructure.

More information about the Class EA can be found on the OWA's web site (<http://www.owa.ca/policy-regulation/owa-class-environmental-assessment/>).

Thank you for your interest in this amendment to the Class EA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Papageorgiou".

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Enclosure: Notice of Approval of Amendments

Cc: Paul Norris, OWA