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Dear Ms Johnson:

RE: Keeyask Generation Station Project (Keeyask Project) – Clean Environment Commission (CEC) Hearings

This memo is to confirm that Manitoba Wildlands has provided to the CEC the final statement from Manitoba Wildlands for the Keeyask Generation Station proceedings and hearings.

We have also provided a set of file folders with research products based on the Keeyask Generation Station CEC proceedings and hearings content, the EIS materials and technical reports for the project. These research products are based on priority topics and concerns regarding the Keeyask Project that were identified during the CEC proceedings and hearings.

Included with the research products, Manitoba Wildlands has provided additional research materials that we used in house to assist with our own research regarding the Keeyask Project. These research materials were culled in order to provide CEC panel members with additional resources that would potentially be useful.

If the panel has any questions or concerns regarding the research products and materials we have submitted, please feel free to contact us.

There are two additions to our closing statements comments we wish to provide in this memo:

1. Manitoba Wildlands supports the recommendation of Elders from York Factory First Nation to investigate, and improve the fish passage options at the Kelsey Generation Station so that both the underwater channel that is dry can be opened and so that additional barriers to facilitate fish passage in both directions on the Nelson River are put in place.
2. Also Manitoba Wildlands agrees with the presentation maps brought into the hearings by Peguis First Nation regarding Stephens Lake Reservoir. Specifically historic maps, and maps of the Nelson River region prior to hydro development which show clearly that Stephens Lake was not there pre-hydro development. While it is acknowledged that Stephens Lake is now a reservoir, using Stephens Lake as a proxy study area for Keeyask Lake is based on flawed assumptions. This is because Keeyask Lake is a natural lake now, and Stephens Lake was not a natural lake before generation station projects were put in place.

Thank you for reviewing our research products and materials and we wish the staff and Panel the best in your deliberations.

Sincerely,



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Director, Manitoba Wildlands