

## News Release



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### ***Waterpower Project Creates New Opportunities***

#### ***Official Commissioning and Public Open House – South River Generating Station***

**September 12, 2011 – South River** – The Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA) congratulates the South River Power Generation Corporation on the official opening of the South River Generating Station (GS). The Corporation will be hosting a public open house and tour today to celebrate the commissioning of this major accomplishment with members of the community and local dignitaries.

The 800 kw project is a retrofit of a provincial water control facility and is one hundred per cent (100%) owned by the Village of South River. Waterpower projects like the South River GS mean new opportunities in terms of employment, economic development and sustainability.

“This facility is an outstanding example of how affordable, reliable and durable waterpower has contributed, and will continue to contribute to Ontario’s electricity needs”, said Paul Norris, President of the OWA. “The Village of South River has made a tremendous investment in its future for years to come.”

“The beauty is the taxpayers won’t be putting any money into it,” said Chris Hundley, Managing Director of South River Power Generation Corporation. “It’s a win for a municipal project that will actually create economic prosperity.”

The Ontario Waterpower Association was formed in May 2001 and represents more than 95% of Ontario waterpower producers. Waterpower is renewable, reliable and accounts for more than one quarter of Ontario's energy mix. It is of critical importance in responding to daily and weekly changes in demand. More than 5,000 MW of untapped economic waterpower potential has been identified in Ontario. For more information, contact Paul Norris, OWA President at 705-743-1500