

Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

Pecors Generating Station Project on the Serpent River, Ontario

Pecors Power has initiated an environmental evaluation and assessment for a proposed waterpower project located on the Serpent River, adjacent to the municipal boundary of the city of Elliot Lake, Ontario. The proposed project site is located upstream of Pecors Lake and downstream of Whiskey Lake. The facility would operate as a run-of-river installation, resulting in no changes to water levels in either lake. The project would require the construction of a concrete weir control structure and an earthen berm. Access to the project site would be via the existing road system with the anticipated construction of a short section of new access. The proposed facility will include a 44 kV transmission line connecting to the Hydro One feeder at the Elliot Lake TS. The environmental assessment is now initiated, with the detailed design stage scheduled for late 2013, to be followed by regulatory permitting and approvals stage. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2014, while commissioning of the facility is slated for January 2015.

If approved, this waterpower project would have a capacity of 2 MW and produce 9.1 GWh of renewable energy annually. The project's study area is presented in the accompanying map. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects" (Class EA). Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be a new project on a managed waterway.

The Class EA process requires Pecors Power to undertake an evaluation of the project to determine its potential effects to the environment and the submission of a formal Environmental Report subject to a mandatory formal public review. The project is expected to require approvals under federal and provincial legislation, including the *Fisheries Act*, the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, the *Endangered Species Act*, the *Public Lands Act*, and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*. This notice and the public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under these statutes.

The evaluation and environmental report will assess the potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during its construction and operation. Pecors Power has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project. Public consultation is an integral component of this process. You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed, and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, contact:

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