

# Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

## Renfrew Power Generation Inc.

### Redevelopment of Existing Hydroelectric Generating Stations and New Clear Point Generating Station Waterpower Project Bonnechere River, Renfrew, Ontario

Renfrew Power Generation Inc. is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for the proposed redevelopment of the hydroelectric generating stations and the development of the new Clear Point Generating Station at its' facility in Renfrew, Ontario over the next few months. If this proposed 6.1MW (maximum capacity) generation project is approved and constructed it would produce 22,300 MWh of renewable energy annually. The project's study area is shown on the accompanying map. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects" (2008). Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be categorized as:

- associated with existing infrastructure on a managed waterway

The Class EA process requires Renfrew Power Generation to undertake an evaluation of the project to evaluate its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The project is also expected to require review and approvals under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Fisheries Act*, the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, the *Species at Risk Act*, the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, the *Ontario Water Resource Act*, the *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Endangered Species 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. Renfrew Power Generation Inc. has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project. Public consultation is an integral component to 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. Subsequent direct notices including the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Report will only be provided to those agencies, Aboriginal communities and other parties who express an interest in the undertaking as a result of this Notice of Commencement and to those who participate in the consultation process.

For information on the project proposal, to raise issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please visit our website [www.renfrewpg.ca](http://www.renfrewpg.ca) or contact:

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