

Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

Wendigo Power Partnership Inc. Development of the Flume Line Small Hydro Project Wendigo Lake at Larder River, Englehart, Ontario

Wendigo Power Partnership Inc. (Wendigo P.P.) is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for the proposed development of a 3.0 MW hydroelectric generating station at the location of the abandoned Flume Line tunnel at Wendigo Bay on the Larder River at the outlet of Wendigo Lake. The project as proposed includes the following: the existing tunnel would be uncapped at Wendigo Bay and a new intake would be constructed. The intake would connect to a low pressure pipeline and higher pressure buried penstock, terminating at the powerhouse to be located just downstream of Teddy's Falls. The project would require the construction of a low profile concrete weir at the outlet to Wendigo Lake to maintain lake levels in the desired range while maintaining required residual flow in the Larder River between the lake and the powerhouse. An existing private access road and a former logging road will be used to access the project site. An 8km (44kV) transmission line will be constructed to connect the facility to the provincial supply grid at Kirkland Lake Transformer Station M62 feeder. Under the terms of the Feed-in Tariff Contract (FIT-FJX8Y8Z) awarded to Wendigo P.P., commissioning of the facility is slated for January 2015, with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in summer 2013, detailed design in 2012/2013 and the environmental assessment/approvals in 2011/2012. The location of the proposed project 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 a new project on a managed waterway. The Class EA for Waterpower may be accessed electronically at <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>.

The Class EA process requires Wendigo P.P. 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 expected to require review and approvals under federal and provincial legislation including the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 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 Resource 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. Wendigo Power Partnership 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. Public meetings will be held at a later date, and will be advertised in advance.

For information on the project proposal, to raise issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Under the Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter, and will be released, if requested, to any person.

