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Mr. Victor H. Schroeder,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
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Dear Mr. Schroeder,

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
Exhibit No. MH-162
Re: MH - 9 RA - 2011
July 7/11 DATE
SECRETARY.

Further to our discussion about the regulatory processes to be applied to major new hydro generation projects, I can advise that in addition to review and licensing under applicable provincial statutes (including, but not necessarily limited to *The Environment Act* and *The Water Power Act*), it is the provincial government's intention to assign responsibility to an independent body for carrying out an NFAT (Needs For and Alternatives To) assessment of such projects. I trust this information will assist Manitoba Hydro in preparing for regulatory review of such projects as Keeyask and Conawapa.

Sincerely,


Rosann Wowchuk,
Minister