# OVERVIEW OF MANITOBA HYDRO'S SYSTEM

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#### **Outline**

- Manitoba Hydro's Existing System
- Hydro System Characteristics
- Planning Objective and Criteria
- Lake Winnipeg Impacts
  - Keeyask and/or Conawapa



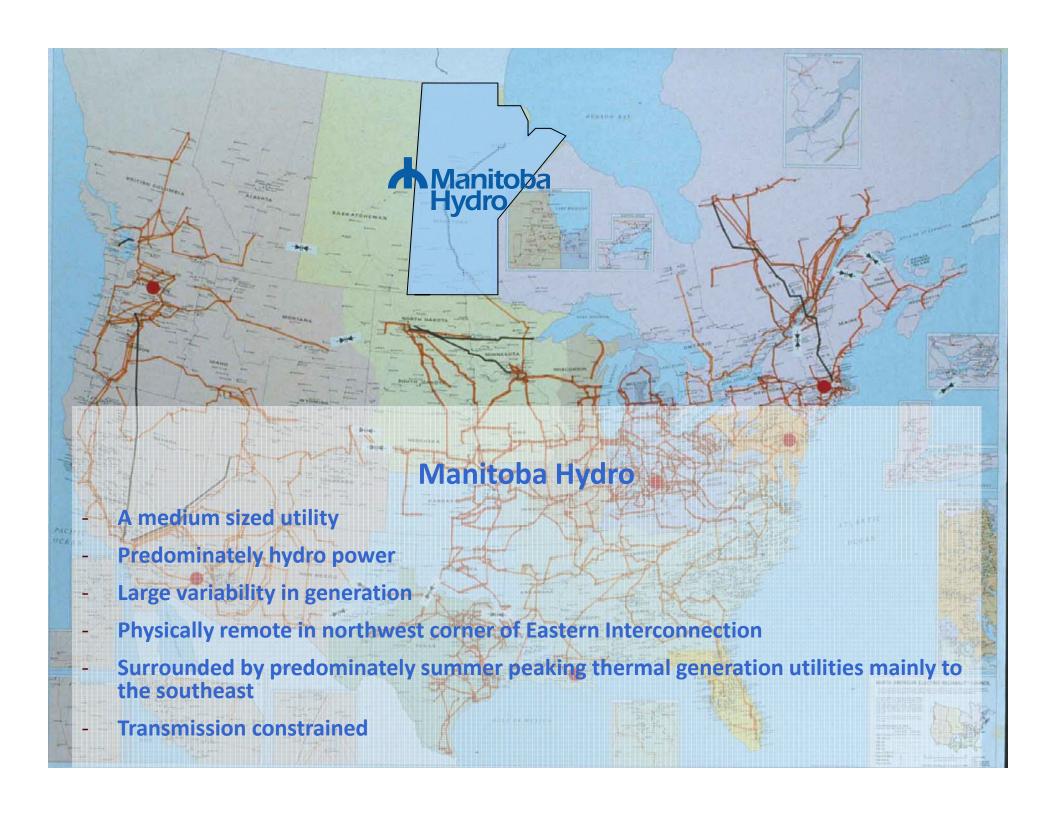
#### **Capacity and Energy Defined**

- Capacity available
  - Maximum rate of power output
    - Megawatts (MW) that the generator can be relied upon to produce
  - MH system = 6,265 MW
- Energy produced
  - 1 GWh = 1,000 MWh = 1,000,000 kWh
  - MH system generates an average of 32,000 GWh annually
  - Manitoba domestic demand 25,500 GWh annually









### **Power System**

Installed Capacity:

Hydro (winter peak) 5200 MW

Thermal 515 MW

**Purchases Capacity:** 

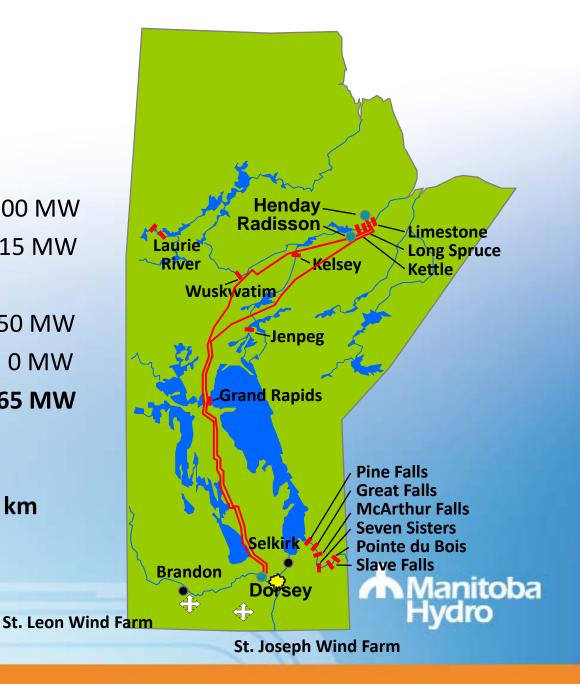
Imports (Diversity) 550 MW

Wind (250 MW) 0 MW

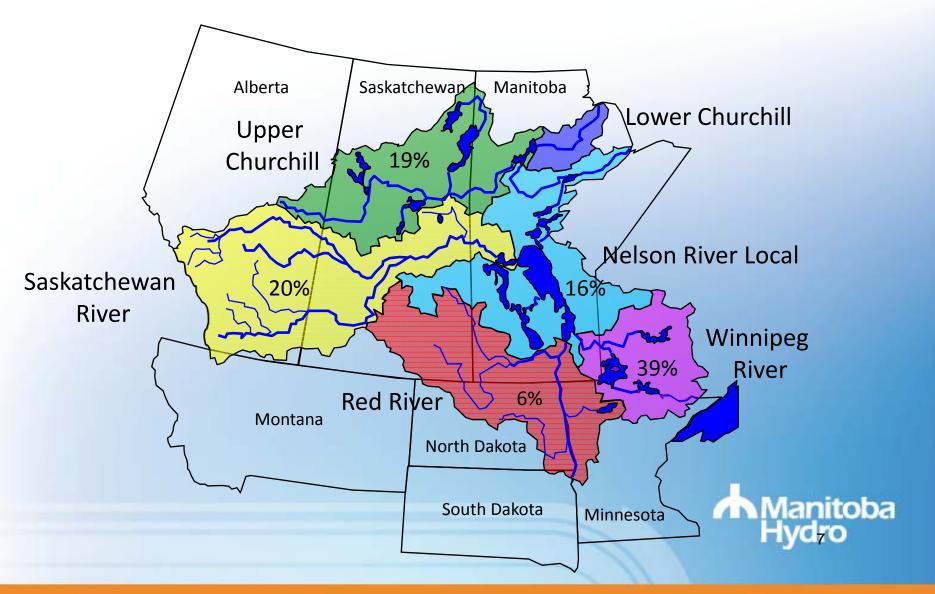
Total 6265 MW

**Transmission Lines:** 

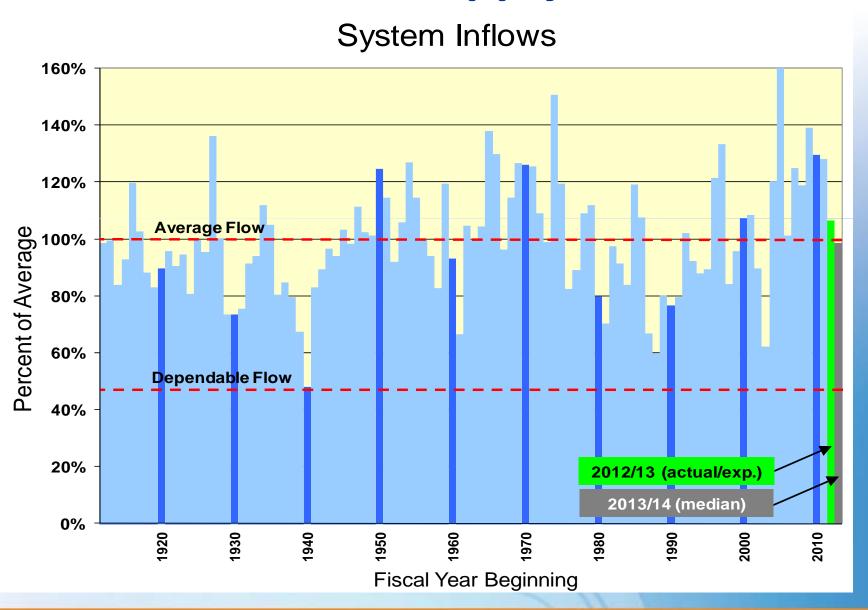
Total km 6885 km



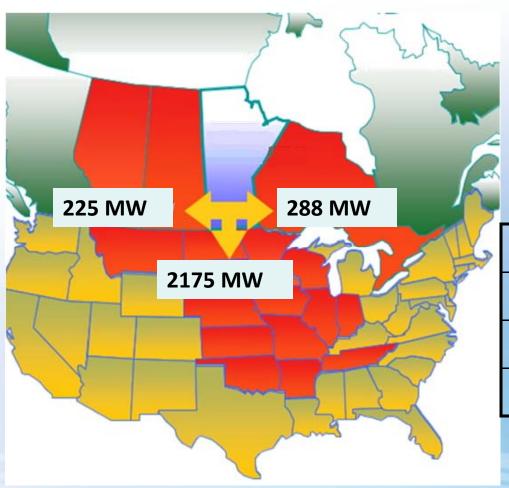
### **Manitoba Hydro Drainage Basins**



## **Historical Water Supply**



#### **Transmission Interconnections**



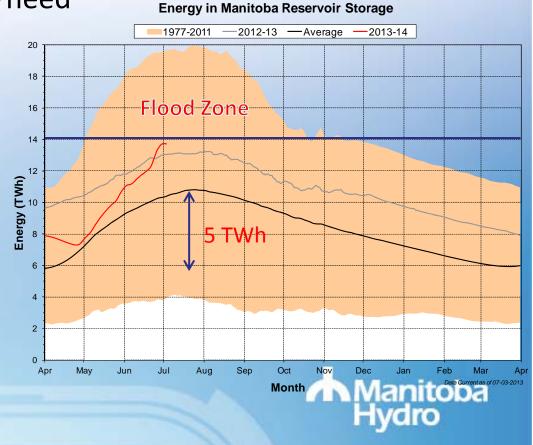
Long Term Firm
Transfer Capabilities
(Scheduling Limits)

	Export	Import
U.S	1950 MW	700 MW
Ontario	200 MW	0 MW
Sask.	150 MW	0 MW



#### **Reservoir Storage**

- Store water for future generation
  - Time of greater value/need
  - 2 12 TWh
- Key reservoirs
  - Lake Winnipeg
  - Cedar Lake
  - Southern IndianLake
- Subject to limits
  - Maximum
  - Minimum



# **Hydro System Characteristics**





# **Characteristics of a Predominantly Hydro System**

- Large Water Variability
- Energy ConstrainedSystem
- Resource Diversity
- Transmission Limitations
- Long Lead Times
- Large Investments



#### **Energy Constrained System**

- Designed to meet energy requirements under the critical flow period
- Designed to meet peak load requirements
- Surplus in all flow conditions other than critical flow period

#### **Resource Diversity**

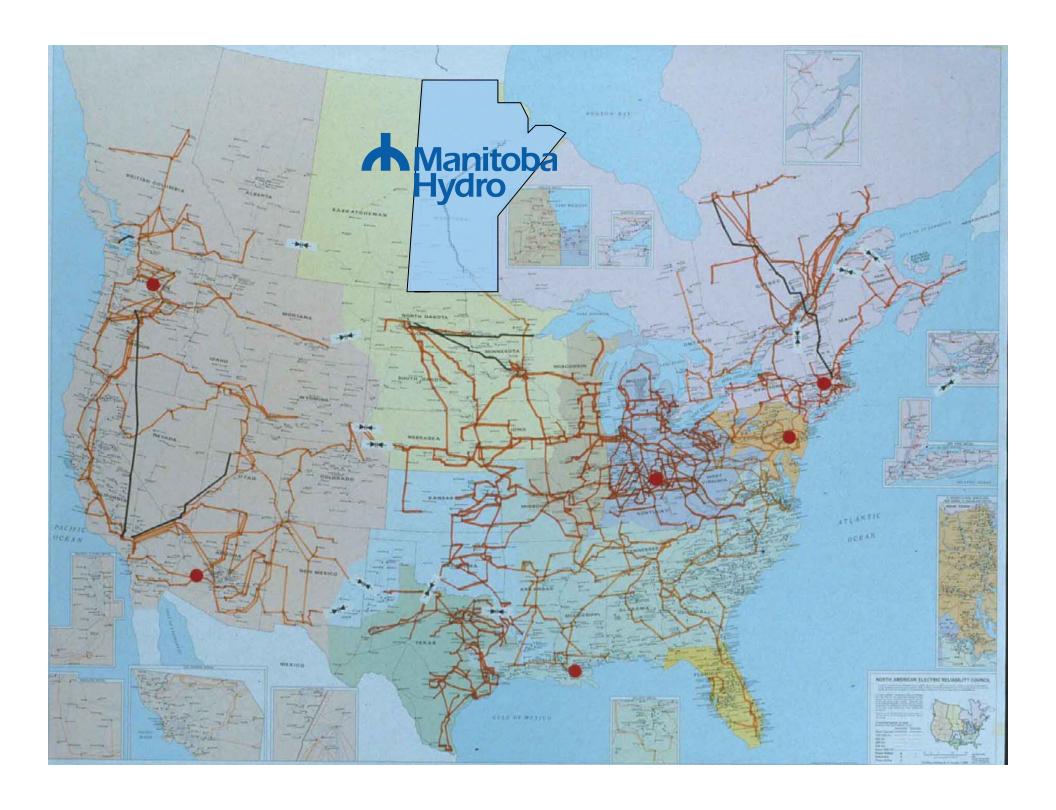
- Provides a mix of generation types in times of drought or high fuel prices
- Mix of resources can be achieved by building in Manitoba or by relying on purchased power over interconnections



#### **Transmission Limitations**

- Hydro generation is remote
  - requires transmission to move power to load centers
- Lack of transmission means congestion
  - More congestion unless new transmission is built to handle additional surplus
  - Congestion exists today
    - Export to Ontario
    - North Dakota wind
  - Limited ability to move power across Canada/US





# **Planning Objectives and Criteria**





#### **Planning Objectives**

- Secure resources to meet the future energy and capacity needs of Manitoba
  - Obligation to serve
- Meet committed firm sales
- Do so at the least net cost to Manitoba customers
- Environmental and social impacts considered



# Manitoba Hydro's Generation Planning Criteria

#### Capacity Criterion

- Sufficient capacity to meet forecast peak load, plus
- 12% reserve
  - increase in demand above forecast
  - breakdown of plant
  - recognizes that load growth and equipment availability is subject to uncertainty

#### Energy Resource Planning Criterion

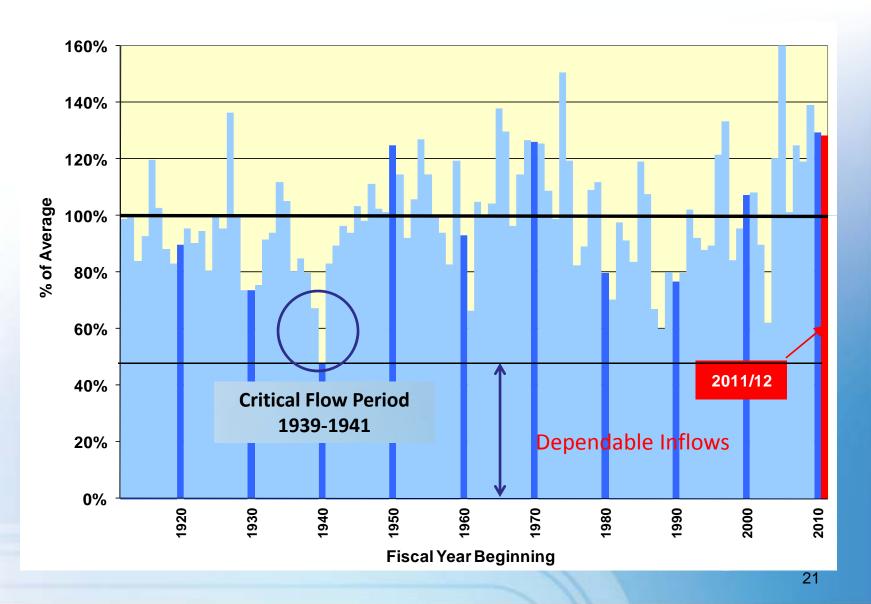
- There must be sufficient energy supply available to meet firm energy demand in the event the lowest recorded coincident water supply conditions are repeated
- Sources of dependable energy are
  - hydro, thermal, wind purchases
  - energy imports



### **Energy Defined**

- Dependable Energy
  - Energy produced by the system under the lowest flow conditions on record
- Average Energy
  - The average of energy produced based on all historic flow conditions
- Maximum Energy
  - Energy produced as a result of most favorable flow conditions on record

# **Hydro Energy**

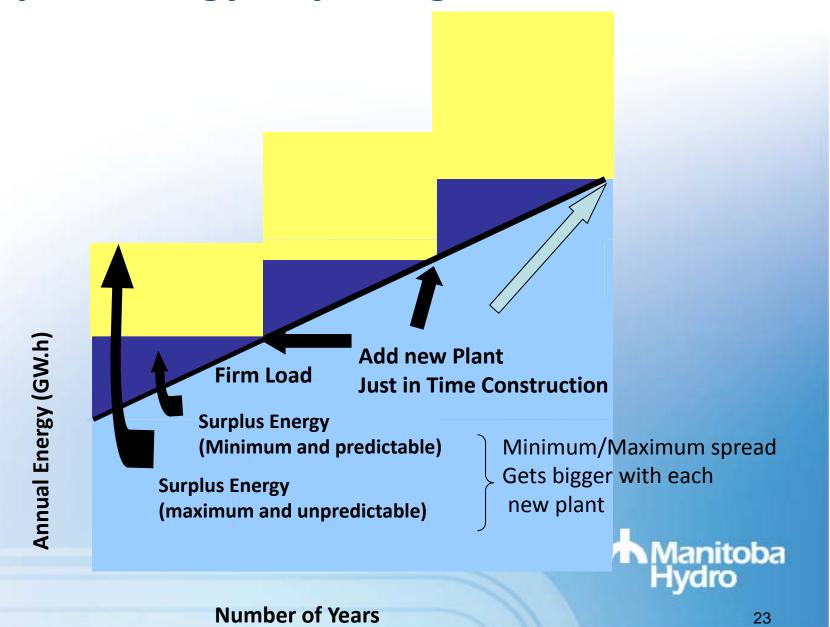


#### **Energy Sources**

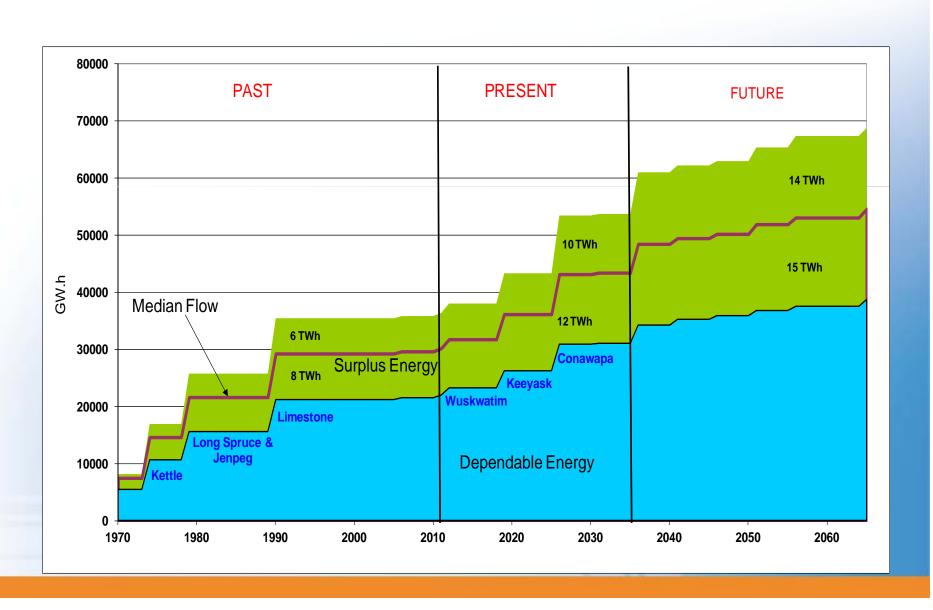
- Hydro Energy
  - Dependable Inflows, plus
  - Maximum Use of Manitoba Reservoir Storage
- Thermal Energy
  - Station output if operated continuously
  - Derated for outages and maintenance
  - Coal, natural gas
- Wind Energy
  - 85% of average annual wind generation
- Purchased Energy
  - Must be on firm transmission
  - Available under contract
  - Available in off peak periods from organized market



### **Surplus Energy - By Design**

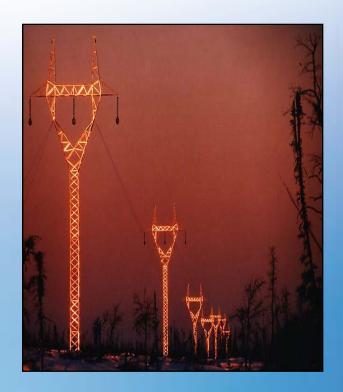


## **Variability in Hydro Energy Supply**



#### Value of Interconnections

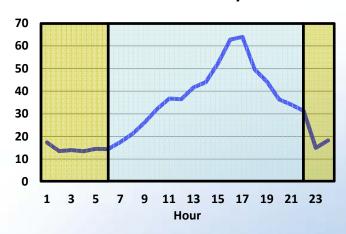
- Provides Market Access
  - Export of surplus power
  - Import of a diverse source of power
- Capacity sharing due to load diversity
- Risk mitigation
  - Emergencies
  - Load forecast
  - Climate change
- Enhances Grid Reliability
  - Sharing of required reserves
- Decreases Overall Regional GHG's



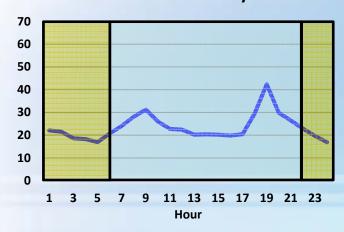


#### **Market Access = Market Price**

#### **Summer Day**



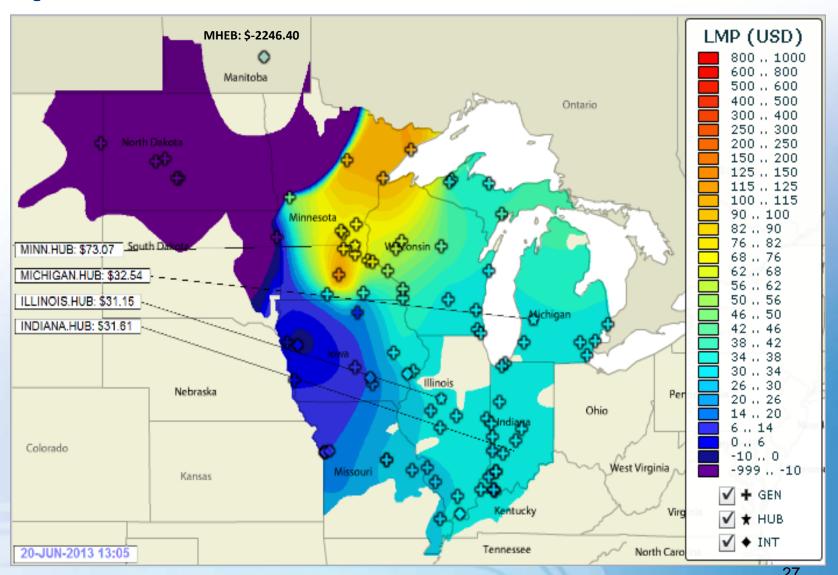
#### **Winter Day**



- Spot market wholesale electricity price
  - Highly variable dependant on many, many factors
  - \$2000 to +\$2000 per MWh
- No typical price
  - Always changing
  - On-peak, off-peak averages used
- Marginal cost of hydraulic energy \$5/MWh
- Hydro is flexible



## **Spot Price** - Change every 5 minutes



#### **Hydro - Large Investments**

- High capital cost investment
- Majority of cost in civil structures
- Low, stable operating costs that contribute to stable rate increases
- Large plants can satisfy many years of Manitoba load growth





# Hydro - Extremely Long Lead Times

- Exploration, Engineering, Environment
- Negotiations, Approvals, Licensing
- Construction
- Increasingly complex
- 20 years becoming normal 1/2 a career or more
- Keeyask 2019
- Conawapa 2026



## **Preferred Development Plan**

- Keeyask G.S. (695 MW) 2019/20
- Conawapa G.S. (1485 MW) 2026/27
- New 500 kV US Interconnection 2020
- Sale Agreements
  - Minnesota Power
  - Wisconsin Public Service
  - Northern States Power
  - Others





#### **Resource Sequence Comparisons**

- Consistent methodology used to evaluate all new resource additions
  - PUB, CEC and NFAT submissions
- Standard Industry Practice
- Applied to all forms of new supply options
  - Hydro
  - Thermal
  - Wind
  - Purchases



#### **System Impacts**

- Adding new generation can impact the entire MH system
  - Existing hydro and thermal stations
  - Imports
  - Exports
- Adding new generation in combination with new interconnections, new export and import contracts becomes even more complicated
- Physical, Financial, Environmental and Rates
  - Impacts from new generation only one of many variables



## **Lake Winnipeg**

- 12<sup>th</sup> largest lake in world
  - 50% of storage in Nelson Churchill watershed
- Primarily regulated for
  - Hydropower 711 to 715 feet
  - Flood Control >715 feet
  - WPA Licence
- LWR regulates flow of Nelson River
  - Outflows controlled at Jenpeg GS
  - 50% more outflow is possible
  - 69% of MH generation downstream
    - Post Keeyask/Conawapa 78%



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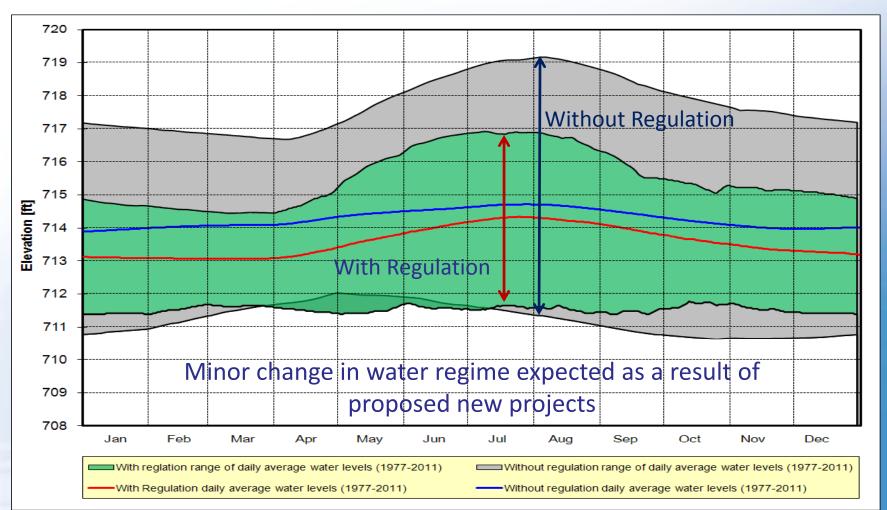
#### **Impact on Lake Winnipeg**

- What won't change
  - Terms of WPA License
  - Approach to Lake Winnipeg regulation
  - Obligations to stakeholders
- What will change
  - Outflows and Levels
  - Changes will be minor
    - Major driver is water supply



#### **Lake Winnipeg Water Levels**

(with and without regulation - 1977-2011)



# Questions



