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Tracey Braun  
Director  
Environmental Approvals Branch  
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160-123 Main Street  
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Dear Ms. Braun:

**RE: KEYYASK GENERATION PROJECT – ALTERATION REQUEST, CLEARING WINDOW  
ENVIRONMENT ACT LICENCE NO. 3107, CLIENT FILE 5550.00**

Manitoba Hydro, in its delegated authority to manage construction of the Keeyask Generation Project on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership, is requesting an alteration to Environment Act Licence No. 3107 regarding the clearing timing window as it is stated in the Proposal. It is proposed that the timing window is modified to correspond with the nesting periods published by Environment Canada, specifically April 24 - August 25. If this is accepted, the Environmental Protection Plan and Avian Management Plan will be modified.

The Keeyask Environmental Impact Statement indicated that land clearing activities would be undertaken outside of the sensitive breeding period (April 1 – July 31) to the extent practicable to minimize disturbance to breeding birds. This timing window was extended to August 31 based on advice from Environment Canada (EC). Nesting periods have since been published, [https://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=4F39A78F-1#\\_05](https://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=4F39A78F-1#_05). For the Keeyask area (C7) the general nesting period is May 2 – August 15. The extreme dates, April 24 – August 25, are atypical parts of a nesting zone where nesting could occur earlier or later. It is proposed to adopt the extreme dates, if any clearing is required within this timeline, a pre-clearing nesting survey will occur. Potential environmental effects are anticipated to be negligible beyond those occurring in conjunction with the Keeyask Generation Project

If there are any questions or concerns with this request, please feel free to contact Jodine MacDuff at 204-360-5539.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Bowen'.

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Keeyask Project Manager  
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c: J. MacDuff