

Mississippi River Power Corporation (The "Proponent")
Almonte Generating Station Expansion Project

Notice of Completion of Environmental Screening Report
&
Public Review

Mississippi River Power Corporation (the generation side of the former Almonte Hydro) in the Almonte Ward of Mississippi Mills, Ontario, proposes to expand the Almonte Generating Station by converting the existing generating station on the Mississippi River at Almonte to an intake structure, constructing a new powerhouse adjacent to Gemmill Park, renovating the existing turbines, and re-installing them, with larger generators, in the new powerhouse. The capacity will be increased from 2.4 MW to 5.0 MW.

This project is being reviewed under the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for Electricity Projects. The Environmental Screening has been completed, and it has been concluded that all identified impacts which are able to be quantified can be reasonably and effectively mitigated.

The Proponent intends to proceed with the project subject to mitigation measures and other commitments which are listed in the Environmental Screening Report, and subject to other required regulatory approvals.

The Environmental Screening Report will be available beginning on July 7, 2006 for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

- the offices of the Mississippi River Power Corporation, 28 Mill Street, Almonte, Ontario; and
- the Almonte Public Library, 155 High Street, Almonte, Ontario.

The text of the report is available on the Proponent's website at www.mississippiriverpower.com

The Environmental Screening Report will be available for review until Monday, August 7, 2006. During the review period, if a concerned party has outstanding environmental concerns, it should raise these concerns with the proponent.

If the proponent and the concerned party are unable to resolve the matter, the concerned party can make a written request to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 14, Toronto, ON M4V 1L5, to elevate the project to either an Environmental Review or to an individual Environmental Assessment. A copy of the Elevation Request must also be sent to the Proponent at the address below. The Elevation Request must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in the Ministry of the Environment's *"Guideline to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects"* which is available for review at the office's of the Proponent.

Requests for elevation must be received by the Proponent and the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment before close of business on August 7, 2006.

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