

AUTHORIZATION
issued pursuant to
THE WATER POWER ACT (C.C.S.M. C. W60)

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I the undersigned, on behalf of the Minister of Conservation and Climate for the Province of Manitoba, hereby authorize:

Manitoba Hydro to deviate from Articles 9, 10, 11, 15(b), and 15(c) of its Churchill River Diversion Interim Licence for a one (1) year period from May 16, 2020 to May 15, 2021 as follows:

- A. For a period from May 16, 2020 to May 15, 2021 to:
1. Permit the maximum water level of Southern Indian Lake to be increased from elevation 847.0 feet to 847.5 feet;
 2. Permit the minimum water level of Southern Indian Lake to be decreased from elevation 844.0 feet to 843.0 feet;
 3. Permit the drawdown of Southern Indian Lake to be 4.5 feet from elevation 847.5 feet to 843.0 feet; and
 4. Permit the minimum water level immediately upstream of the Notigi Control Structure to be reduced from elevation 838.0 feet to 834.0 feet.

and

- B. For the period May 16, 2020 to October 31, 2020 to:
1. Permit the average weekly flow at the Notigi Control Structure to be increased from 30,000 cfs to 35,000 cfs; and
 2. Permit the allowable flow at Thompson to be controlled by a maximum elevation of 619.0 feet above sea level at the Thompson Seaplane Base;

and

- C. For the period from November 1, 2020 to May 15, 2021 to:
1. Permit the average weekly flow at the Notigi Control Structure to be increased from 30,000 cfs to 34,000 cfs; and
 2. Permit the allowable flow at Thompson to be set by maximum elevation of 623.0 feet at the Thompson Pumphouse.

Provided in all cases that:

1. The Nelson House Agreement, the Split Lake Agreement, the York Factory Agreement, or the City of Thompson Agreement would not be violated as a direct result of the Augmented Flow Program;
2. Manitoba Hydro agrees to terminate its program and decrease diversion flow to appropriate levels if at any time it appears that the above noted conditions may be violated, or if conditions arise which would present a hazard to local residents;
3. The Manager of the Water Power Act Licensing Section of my department be kept fully informed of all aspects of the Augmented Flow Program by means of monthly written reports;
4. Monthly written reports on the 2020/2021 Augmented Flow Program be forwarded to the Nelson House First Nation, Split Lake First Nation, York Factory First Nation, and affected communities;
5. Manitoba Hydro fully mitigate any effects of the altered levels and flows; and
6. The maximum drawdown on Southern Indian Lake of 4.5 feet be staged over a period of time and in such a manner so as to minimize adverse impacts on Southern Indian Lake residents.

Dated at the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba this 21 day of April A.D. 2020.

Original Signed by: Maggie Desrochers

Original Signed by: Blair McTavish

Witness

Blair McTavish
A/Deputy Minister
Conservation and Climate

