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September 24, 2012

Dear Concerned Citizen:

Thank you for your interest in Swift River Energy Limited's (SREL) proposed North Bala Small Hydro Project addendum (Project). I welcome your comments on this Project.

You requested that Swift River Energy Limited be required to prepare an Environmental Review for the Project. I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided an Environmental Review is not required.

In making this decision, I have given careful consideration to the Project documentation, the addendum provisions of the Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects, the issues raised in your request, and relevant matters to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Swift River Energy Limited has demonstrated that it has planned and developed the Project in accordance with the addendum provisions of the Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects. I am satisfied therefore that the purpose of the Act, "the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation, and wise management in Ontario of the environment," has been met for the Project.

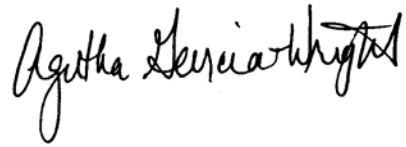
Your concerns together with the reasons for my decision are set out in the attached table. I am satisfied that the issues and concerns have been addressed by the work done to date by Swift River Energy Limited, or will be addressed in future work that is required to be carried out.

In accordance with the Environmental Screening Process, my decision will become final 15 calendar days after this notice of my decision is received, unless a request is made by you within that time that the Minister of the Environment review my decision. This notice is deemed to be received on the fifth day after it is mailed. Please note that the details for requesting that the Minister review my decision are outlined in section B.4.1.2 of the Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects. If you do not have a copy of this guide it is available on the Ministry of the Environment's website. If no request is made to the Minister to review this decision, Swift River Energy Limited may submit the required Statement of Completion and then may proceed with the Project, subject to any other permits or approvals required. Swift River Energy Limited must implement the Project in the manner in which it was developed and designed, as set out in the addendum report, inclusive of all commitments made during the review of the elevation requests, mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

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Again, I would like to thank you for participating in the Environmental Screening Process and for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Agatha Garcia-Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with some stylized flourishes.

Agatha Garcia-Wright
Director
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

Attachment

c: Ms. Karen McGhee, Project Manager, Swift River Energy Limited