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September 23, 2025

Dear Wes Penner:

Thank you for your request dated November 14, 2024, for the renewal of the third Short-term Extension Licence (STEL) for the Laurie River No. 2 Generating Station under the provisions of The Water Power Act and the Water Power Regulation.

Enclosed is the fourth STEL for the McArthur Generating Station. This STEL expires on September 30, 2026. Crown-Indigenous consultation with respect of the Renewal Licence for this generating station will also be undertaken with affected Indigenous Nations and communities during this period.

In addition to the enclosed Licence requirements, and in accordance with Section 87 of the Water Power Regulation, the Licensee is instructed to:

- participate in the future licence modernization processes as directed by Manitoba.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Agnes Wittmann, Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, at [EABdirector@gov.mb.ca](mailto:EABdirector@gov.mb.ca) or 204-945-8321.

Sincerely,



Deputy Minister

Enclosures

c. Honourable Mike Moyes  
Agnes Wittmann

## SHORT-TERM EXTENSION LICENCE

Issue Date / Date de délivrance: September 23, 2025

In accordance with The Water Power Act (C.C.S.M. c. W60) /  
Conformément à la LOI sur l'énergie hydraulique (c. W60 de la C.P.L.M.)

Pursuant to Section 92 of the Water Power Regulation (M.R. 25/88R) of The Water Power Act (C.C.S.M. c. W60) /  
Conformément à l'article 92 du Règlement sur l'énergie hydraulique (R.M. 25/88R) de la Loi sur l'énergie hydraulique (c. W60 de la C.P.L.M.)

THIS FOURTH SHORT-TERM EXTENSION LICENCE IS ISSUED TO:

**MANITOBA HYDRO, "the licensee"**

being duly incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba  
whose head office address is at 360 Portage Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0G8,

for the development of water power at the No. 2 Power Site on Laurie River.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Licensee is the holder of a Final Licence for the development of water power at the No. 2 Power Site on Laurie River, dated May 31, 1963. A copy of the Final Licence is attached as Schedule A to this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence;
- B. The term of the Final Licence was for a term of forty (40) years from March 1, 1958;
- C. The Licensee by letter dated June 9, 1989, signed by J. F. Funnell, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, applied for a renewal of the No. 2 Power Site on Laurie River Final Licence in accordance with section 46(1) of the Water Power Regulation;
- D. The Final Licence has not yet been renewed. The Final Licence was extended by three Short-term Extension Licences, the first dated November 3, 2010 with a term to and including September 30, 2015, the second dated August 26, 2015 with a term to and including September 30, 2020 and the third dated September 8, 2020 with a term to and including September 30, 2025.

The Licensee has applied by letter dated November 14, 2024, signed by W. V. Penner, Manager, Waterway Approvals and Monitoring Department, to the Director of Environmental Approvals Branch of the Department of Environment and Climate Change for a renewal of the Short-term Extension Licence for the Laurie River No. 2 Power Site development in accordance with section 92(6) of the Water Power Regulation and has done all things which, in the opinion of the Director, are required to be done by the Licensee prior to the issuance of this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence;

- E. It is contemplated that Crown-Indigenous Consultations will be continued to inform decisions associated with the application for a renewal of the Final Licence during the term of this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence; and
- F. The Licensee has duly executed an acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence and has undertaken to observe and fulfill all the terms and conditions which the Licensee is required to observe and fulfill under this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence.

This Fourth Short-term Extension Licence is issued, granting to the Licensee:

- (a) The right to impound, divert and use water of the Laurie River at and near the Laurie River No. 2 Power Site;
- (b) The right to develop electric power and energy from the said waters;
- (c) The right to generate, transmit, distribute, sell and deliver the said electric power and energy and for that purpose to use and occupy the lands of the Province described in the Final Licence, and
- (d) The right to operate and maintain the undertaking, the location and description of which is shown upon the record plans numbered and filed in the office of the Director at Winnipeg.

This Fourth Short-term Extension Licence is issued on the same terms and conditions as set out in the Final Licence dated May 31, 1963, subject to the following specific terms and conditions:

1. This Fourth Short-term Extension Licence shall apply from October 1, 2025 to and including September 30, 2026.
2. On or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of a year, the licensee shall pay an annual rental in advance for the use and occupation of lands of the Province described in article 4 (a), (b), and (c) of the Final Licence at the rates set from time to time by the Water Power Regulation under The Water Power Act.<sup>1</sup>
3. The Licensee shall pay a monthly rental for the use of water for the development of power at the rates set from time to time by the Regulation under The Water Power Act and payable at the times and in the manner provided for by the Regulation under The Water Power Act.<sup>2</sup>
4. The terms and conditions set out in the Final Licence apply as if set out specifically in this Fourth Short-term Extension Licence, except where the terms and conditions of the Final Licence are inconsistent with the terms and conditions set out specifically in this document, the terms and conditions set out in this document will apply.
5. The licensee shall participate in future planning, studies, and other initiatives as instructed by the Minister, in areas impacted by the Undertaking along with affected communities and other stakeholders.
6. The licensee shall, by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, submit a report to the Director documenting the licensee's engagement with Indigenous Nations and communities on the continued operation of the Undertaking.
7. The Licensee shall comply with The Water Power Act and the Water Power Regulation.



Jocelyn Baker  
Deputy Minister

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<sup>1</sup> Rental rates for land use are currently set out in s. 48(3.1) of the Water Power Regulation.

<sup>2</sup> Rental rates for the use of water for the development of power are currently set out in s. 48(3.2) of the Water Power Regulation.

**SCHEDULE A**  
**TO THE FOURTH SHORT-TERM EXTENSION LICENCE FOR**  
**THE NO. 2 POWER SITE ON LAURIE RIVER**

**FINAL LICENCE DATED MAY 31, 1963**