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Ms. Linda Heron
Ontario Rivers Alliance
379 Ronka Road
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Dear Ms. Heron:

As you are aware, this ministry received your September 28, 2011 Part II Order request for Xeneca Power Development Inc.'s (Xeneca) proposed Four Slide Falls Waterpower Project (Project). I have provided below the updated status of the Project.

On April 18, 2012, the Environmental Approvals Branch received a letter from Xeneca indicating that they are withdrawing their Notice of Completion for the Project, prepared under the Ontario Waterpower Association's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA), to complete additional studies. A copy of the ministry's letter acknowledging Xeneca's withdrawal has been attached for your reference.

Should Xeneca proceed with the Project under the Class EA and you continue to have outstanding concerns, you will have an opportunity to revise and resubmit your Part II Order request to the Minister of the Environment during the 30 day public review period set out in a new Notice of Completion.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements of the Class EA process, please contact staff at the Ministry of the Environment's Northern Region Office, who may be reached at 705-564-3205. If you have any further questions regarding the Part II Order request, please contact Ms. Anne Cameron of this branch at 416-314-0286.

Yours sincerely,

George Karlos
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c: Ms. Vanesa Enskaitis, Public Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
EA File No. 02-11- Four Slide Falls Hydro Project