

# AMENDMENT to the NOTICE of COMMENCEMENT (Issued July 2009) and NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

## Renfrew Power Generation Inc.

### Redevelopment of the Existing Hydroelectric Generating Facilities in Renfrew Ontario on Bonnechere River to be known as the Thomas Low Generating Station

For several years, Renfrew Power Generation (RPG) has been exploring options for the expanding the hydroelectric generating potential on the Bonnechere River in Renfrew. These options included a 1.5 MW project at "First Chute," a 4 MW project at "Clear Point," and the redevelopment of the existing Upper and Lower Plants to essentially double their combined generating capacity. The possibilities for developing these options have been greatly influenced by the evolving renewable energy contracting and grid connection policies in Ontario over the past few years, including the RESOP program, to the FIT Program, and the Hydro Contracts Initiative.

After careful examination of all options, RPG has determined that the most viable project is the development of a new plant following the concept of the Clear Point Project (presented during June 2009 public information sessions in Renfrew, and advertised in a July 2009 Notice of Commencement) but with the new powerhouse shifting approximately 200m upstream, adjacent to the existing Lower Plant. The new generating station will have a capacity of 4 MW. RPG has tentatively named the development the "Thomas Low Generating Station" (GS) for the original builder of the Lower Plant. As was the case for the previously proposed Clear Point project, the intake of the proposed new Thomas Low GS is to be located just upstream of RPG's Upper Plant.

This project will enable RPG to align itself with the provincial initiative to replace electricity sourced from fossil fuels with that produced from renewable sources while providing additional power to the Town of Renfrew. OEL-HydroSys Inc. has been working with RPG to complete an environmental assessment of the project under Ontario's Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) as a Project Associated with Existing Infrastructure. The proposed project is also subject to a Screening under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

A Public Information Session outlining the Thomas Low GS project will be held on:

**Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

**From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**at The Mateway Activity Centre, 1 Mateway Dr., Renfrew, Ontario.**

Members of RPG and the EA project team will be on hand to answer any questions. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the proposal to site the new generating station adjacent to the Lower Plant, we request that you join us.

Alternatively you may contact Mr. Peter Boldt, Renfrew Power Generation Inc., 32 Bridge Avenue West, Renfrew, Ontario, K7V 3R2, (613) 433-3715; [pkboldt@renfrewpg.ca](mailto:pkboldt@renfrewpg.ca) or Ms. Karen Fortin, EA Coordinator, OEL HydroSys Inc., [kfortin@oel-hydrosys.ca](mailto:kfortin@oel-hydrosys.ca), Box 430, Carp Road, Ottawa, K0A 1L0, 613-839-3053 x 261.

Subsequent Notices, including the Notice of Completion will be provided directly to those parties who express an interest in this project.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

