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MEMORANDUM:

DATE: March 27, 2019

RE: MNRF order (March 13, 2019) - Round Lake drawdown

RPG wishes to report and provide an overview of recent events regarding the order issued on March 13, 2019. Renfrew Power Generation (RPG) was ordered to continue to drawdown Round Lake at a target rate of 4-6cm/week in an attempt to minimize effects of potentially high water from the upcoming Freshet while limiting negative impacts to the downstream reaches.

After verbal confirmation from Minister Yakabuski of the pending order, RPG removed one stop log from the Tramore Dam on March 12, 2019. System water levels were monitored closely and given an opportunity to stabilize. Data indicated in a weeks' time Round Lake had dropped 6 cm and Golden Lake had risen 1 cm which was within expectations.

On March 18, 2019 another log was removed from the Tramore Dam as levels at both lakes were indicating they were beginning to become static. Once the system had a chance to stabilize the data showed that Round Lake levels had dropped another 6 cm and Golden Lake had risen 3 cm in a weeks' time. This is also within expectations when one considers the weather, accumulated precipitation and inflows from Round Lake during this time period.

RPG posted signs at both known public access points to Round Lake notifying lake users to be aware of the changing conditions as levels are being drawn down further than usual. This was to comply with condition #5 of the order.

RPG is in constant communication with Minister Yakabuski since receipt of the order and is diligently keeping him apprised of all activities by several texts, emails and phone conversations. RPG updates water level charts and posts weekly on the RPG website, which is available and utilized by the community. (www.renfrewpg.ca/water-levels-flow-history/). Notices have been added to the Round Lake water level chart indicating an MNRF order has been issued and is being implemented.

Current status indicates Golden Lake levels are very slowly increasing which is expected when compared to the 14 year average. Log removal or replacement operations at the Tramore have halted as levels at Golden Lake are anticipated to continue to rise due to the temperatures rising in the coming days.

From March 12, 2019 to March 26, 2019 Golden Lake has risen 4 cm. Round Lake has dropped 12cm which equates into useable capacity. As weather swings are becoming more frequent it is difficult to anticipate if further log operations at Round Lake will be possible.



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RPG is pleased with the current results of the continued drawdown as Freshet approaches and believes the extra capacity at Round Lake will benefit the entire system. Monitoring will continue and operations carried out as warranted considering system conditions and weather going forward.

Regards,
RPG