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Jay Shukin
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Capital Power Corporation
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Dear Jay Shukin,

I am writing you today regarding the elevation requests submitted to me for Capital Power Corporation's proposed increase in Goreway Power Station's name plate capacity by 40 Megawatts (the Project).

The Project is designated by Ontario Regulation 116/01 (Electricity Projects) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) as an undertaking subject to the EAA; but is exempt from Part II of the EAA (individual environmental assessment) if the project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental Screening Process, subject to the project being elevated. I received 158 elevation requests (of which 157 were form letters) asking that Capital Power Corporation be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for its Project.

Based on all of the information before me, I have decided to deny the requests for elevation. My decision was made after careful consideration of the factors set out in section B.4.1.1. of the Environmental Screening Process, including the concerns raised in the elevation requests and Capital Power Corporation's responses, the Project documentation and consultation undertaken with Indigenous communities, the public and government agencies.

The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letter to the requesters. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make my letter to you available to the public on the Project website.

With this decision having been made, Capital Power Corporation can now proceed with the Project, subject to any other required permits or approvals. Capital Power Corporation must implement the Project in the manner described in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments, and environmental and other provisions therein.

Lastly, please note that failure to comply with the Act or the provisions of the Environmental Screening Process or failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the Project documents are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

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I am confident that Capital Power Corporation recognizes the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Environmental Screening Process are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Khanjin", is enclosed within a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Andrea Khanjin
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Attachment

c: Kathleen O'Neill, Director, Environmental Assessment Branch, MECP,
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