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WATERPOWER AND WINDPOWER POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW

Strategic Policy Review - Renewable Energy Development on Crown Land

Please be advised that the Ministry of Natural Resources is now proceeding with the strategic policy review of renewable energy development on Crown land.

This policy review will be completed by spring 2011, given the importance of Crown land to supporting the Green Energy Act and the province's Long Term Energy Plan.

The strategic policy will provide direction on a balanced approach to the management of Crown land for renewable energy including waterpower, onshore wind, and solar power development. The strategic policy will provide the basis for the development of specific procedural and administrative direction in the future.

The focus of the review will include:

- a framework and criteria supporting future decisions on where Crown land should be made available for renewable energy, including alignment with the Long Term Energy Plan direction on supply mix and transmission priorities;
- direction on how Crown land will be made available for renewable energy;
- the approach to Crown land management and Aboriginal economic development, along with other government incentive programs
- policy alignment with existing direction in the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, Far North Act and associated policy components thereof; and
- the role of the public, stakeholders, Aboriginal communities and other interests in the availability of Crown land for renewable energy process.

The draft Crown land renewable energy strategic policy will be posted to the Environmental Registry for public, Aboriginal community and stakeholder comment. Additional details of the timing of the Environmental Registry posting will be made available through the Ministry's renewable energy website.

During the strategic policy review, MNR will continue to not accept new renewable energy applications on Crown land, including windpower, solar power and most waterpower applications. The only exception will be an opportunity for some limited waterpower applications. Additional information on these waterpower applications will be made available soon.

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