

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

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ON THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY REGULATION OF THE LEVEL OF RAINY LAKE AND OF OTHER BOUNDARY WATERS IN THE RAINY LAKE WATERSHED.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER

28 October 1976

to the Order Prescribing Method of Regulating the Levels of Boundary Waters, dated 8 June 1949, as amended by Supplementary Orders dated 1 October 1957 and 29 July 1970.

The Commission was informed on 28 October by the Ontario-Minnesota Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd. that the operational difficulties referred to in the Supplementary-Order dated 20 October 1976, which had been experienced since 12 October 1976, had been overcome and that outflows from Rainy Lake could revert to those prescribed in the Commission's Order, dated 8 June 1949, as amended by Supplementary Orders dated 1 October 1957, and 29 July 1970.

At the same time the Company requested permission to release for the period 29 October 1976 thru 31 October 1976, inclusive, a minimum instantaneous flow of 3300 cfs throughout the whole day.

The Company further requested that commencing 1 November 1976, it be permitted to release a daily mean outflow of 3300 cfs with a variation in outflow from an instantaneous minimum of 3000 cfs to an instantaneous maximum of 3600 cfs.

The Commission has been advised by its International Rainy River Water Pollution Board that the proposed interim relaxation of the allowable instantaneous minimum outflows, as an emergency measure, should not adversely affect the water quality of Rainy River if the present waste treatment is continued.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS AND DIRECTS that, notwithstanding the terms of the above noted Order, as amended, the outflow from Rainy Lake shall be regulated so that the minimum instantaneous discharge during the period 29 October through 31 October, 1976, inclusive, shall be 3300 cfs throughout the whole day. The Commission further directs that commencing 1 November, 1976, the daily mean outflow from Rainy Lake shall be 3300 cfs; provided that the instantaneous outflow may range from a minimum of 3000 cfs to a maximum of 3600 cfs.

This Supplementary Order shall remain in force until the recently acquired transformers are in operation unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1976  
by the Commission

  
D.G. Chance,  
Secretary.