

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER

14 June 1977

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, 20 October 1976, 19 November 1976 and May 4 1977.

In light of the continuing extreme low water supplies to the Rainy Lake Watershed described in the Supplementary Order dated 4 May 1977, and concerns regarding the water quality of Rainy River, THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS AND DIRECTS THAT, notwithstanding the terms of the Commission's Order dated 8 June 1949, as amended, the outflows from Rainy and Namakan Lakes, respectively, shall be regulated so that the daily mean discharge shall be 2500 and 500 cfs respectively, provided that either or both discharges shall be increased temporarily if so directed by the International Rainy Lake Board of Control to prevent the dissolved oxygen level in the Rainy River at the location of the "sag" from falling below 4 milligrams per liter or in response to improved supply conditions; provided also that such increased discharges shall not exceed the minimum discharges set forth in the Supplementary Order dated 29 July 1970.

The Companies shall furnish the outflow information each day to the United States and Canadian members of the International Rainy Lake Board of Control and the Chairmen of the International Rainy River Water Pollution Board.

In the event that it comes to the attention of either Company that these flows are causing difficulties on Lake of the Woods or the Rainy River, the Companies shall immediately advise the Commission and the International Rainy Lake Board of Control.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, this Supplementary Order shall continue in force until August 15, 1977.

Dated this 14th Day of June, 1977

By the Commission

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