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

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER

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 April 8, 1997 by the International Rainy Lake Board of Control that the Mayor of the Town of Rainy River had expressed concern over high water levels in Rainy River and the threat of serious flooding in the town. The Board had been informed that some flooding was already occurring.

The Commission was advised at that time by the International Rainy Lake Board of Control that a reduction of outflows from Rainy Lake and Namakan Lakes would assist in reducing water levels in the Rainy River without significantly increasing the risk of exceeding the emergency level on these lakes.

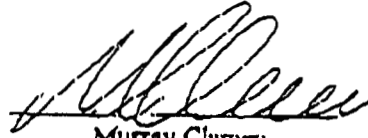
On April 8, 1997 the Commission ordered and directed that,
(i) the outflows from Rainy Lake be reduced to 140 cms,
(ii) the outflows from Namakan Lake be reduced to an amount to be determined by the Board that will not significantly increase the risk of exceeding the emergency level on Namakan Lake, and
(iii) these flow reductions be maintained until 11:59 pm, April 11, 1997, at which time outflows from Rainy and Namakan Lakes shall revert to those prescribed in the above noted Order, as amended, subject to further instructions from the Commission.

The Commission was advised by the International Rainy Lake Board on April 11, 1997, that water levels on Rainy River are receding but are still a serious concern at the Town of Rainy River and recommended a gradual reduction of outflows from Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS AND DIRECTS, notwithstanding the terms of the above noted Order, as amended, that, until 11:59 pm on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, regulated outflows from Rainy and Namakan Lakes shall be set by the International Rainy Lake Board of Control so as to provide relief to the Town of Rainy River without significantly increasing the risk of exceeding the emergency level on Rainy or Namakan Lake, and so as gradually to re-establish the levels of Rainy and Namakan Lakes within the band set out in the Commission's Order.

Dated this 11th day of April, 1997

By the Commission



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