



THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

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March 2nd, 1964

Hon. Paul Martin,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
60 Essex Street East,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Power Authority of the State of New York and The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario seek approval for the construction and operation of an ice boom on a trial basis in Lake Erie just upstream from the entrance to the Niagara River. This request is made pursuant to the International Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between Great Britain and the United States, and the 1950 Treaty between Canada and the United States relative to the waters of the Niagara River.

Attached to this letter are two copies of a Brief prepared jointly by the Power Authority of the State of New York and The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario entitled "Brief on Proposed Ice Boom in Lake Erie at Entrance to Niagara River" dated February 26th, 1964. The Brief contains a review of the ice problem at Niagara, the reasons why the trial of an ice boom is considered essential, and proposed location of the boom and its anticipated performance. Additional copies of the Brief are being forwarded under separate cover.

The Power Entities have completed construction of the five-gate extension to the control structure built as part of the remedial works carried out pursuant to the 1950 Treaty and have provided ice escape channels by the construction of training walls and shoal excavation, all of which were approved by the International Joint Commission. The Power Authority and Ontario Hydro have agreed to share equally the cost of the construction and operation of the ice boom. No part of the cost will be borne by the governments of the United States or Canada.

As indicated in the Brief, your early consideration of this application is most important if the boom is to be fabricated and installed at the end of the 1964 navigation season and be ready to alleviate next year's ice problem. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that this application be referred at your earliest convenience to the International Joint Commission.

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A similar application is being sent to the United States Government Power Authority of the State of New York.

Yours respectfully,

