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Dear Ms. Faveri and Col. Koprowski,

Thank you for your March 17th, 2016 letter in which you recommended that the International Joint Commission issue a Supplementary Order for the emergency regulation of Rainy and Namakan Lakes in order to better regulate flows due to early spring melt conditions. The changes to regulation would allow for an early, partial refill of Rainy Lake and Namakan Reservoir to begin before April 1st. The Commission has considered and approved this request, as seen in the attached temporary Supplementary Order effective immediately through April 15, 2016.

Please notify the IJC Advisors to the Water Levels Committee of any impacts to the power companies or other interests due to the temporary Supplemental Order and coordinate public outreach with the IJC's Public Affairs Officers. Commissioners look forward to your appearance at the upcoming April Semi-Annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Temporary Supplementary Order of Approval