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ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION PLAN

Xeneca Power

**Vermillion River:
(Wabagishik Rapids)**

**In support of a Screening assessments under the
Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower
Projects**



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Xeneca Power Development Inc. (Xeneca) is proposing to develop a waterpower facility on the Vermillion River at Wabagishik Rapids. The total installed capacity will be approximately 3.4 MW. This project is subject to the provisions of the "Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Waterpower Projects" (2011) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). The Class EA process requires Xeneca to undertake an evaluation of the proposed waterpower project to determine its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) during construction and operation and prepare an Environmental Report. Pursuant to the OWA Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA), Wabagishik Rapids GS is considered to be associated with a managed waterway (Lorne Falls GS on Wabagishik Lake.)

Accordingly, Xeneca is required to undertake an environmental assessment (EA) under the provincial Class EA process to ensure that the potential effects of the undertakings are identified, evaluated and considered during the project planning, allowing for the avoidance, prevention or mitigation of the negative effects and the optimization of the positive effects before construction commences. Environmental assessment also requires the proponent of a project to undertake meaningful engagement of all stakeholders, including First Nations communities and Métis who express an interest in the undertaking under the Class EA process. In the context of the EA planning process, the environment includes the natural, socio-economic, and cultural landscape in which the project is proposed to be developed and operated.

The proposed project, is also subject to the provisions of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)* which imposes additional obligations and requirements for projects that involve federal lands, if applicable to this project. Other federal agencies will have requirements that need to be met during the permitting and approval stage.

This document serves three purposes. It has been drafted to confirm Xeneca's commitment to Aboriginal Communities and our proposed approach to engagement and consultation with the various communities. The document outlines a proponent's responsibilities to the provincial Crown as they relate to the environmental assessment processes pursuant to the *EAA and the Class EA*. Upon a successful EA outcome, it also requires regulatory approvals, authorizations and permits under CEAA and EAA. Finally, this document outlines key issues, concerns, and challenges that are anticipated within the consultation program.

1.2 Environmental Assessment and Consultation Process

Environmental assessments for hydroelectric projects located on provincial waterways and involving either provincial or private lands in the Province of Ontario are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Class EA. The Class EA applies to waterpower projects to which the environmental screening process prescribed under *Ontario Regulation 116/01 – Electricity Projects (2001)*, or as amended under the *EAA* currently applies. It includes

waterpower projects that are listed under Category B of the Electricity Projects Regulation, namely new waterpower projects that have a nameplate capacity of less than 200 MW.

The project is located on provincial Crown land and is subject to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects.

The Aboriginal Consultation plan is intended to meet the combined consultation requirements of the Class EA and the additional permitting and approval requirements under the EAA and CEAA, as it applies. We further seek to establish an on-going engagement process between Xeneca and Aboriginal communities. Moreover, it outlines the various junctures where the Community can engage during and after the environmental assessment(s) process.

Xeneca's goal is to establish and cultivate a relationship with those Aboriginal Communities that wish to engage in a mutually respectful manner. This involves:

- Providing information about the projects in a timely manner;
- Outlining opportunities to engage;
- Answering questions and addressing concerns on an on-going basis;
- Identifying and responding to input from the Communities;
- Making efforts to maintain the relationship;
- Develop a management strategy that is adaptive to the Communities;
- As required address proposed compensation and other effects management strategies*;
- Be open to discussing Community benefits, where appropriate.

* Where issues of compensation are asserted by First Nations, it is Xeneca's practice to direct issues to the Crown, however, Xeneca is prepared to provide its measure of support as it relates to direct project impacts.

1.3 Xeneca's Approach to Consultation:

Xeneca affords great importance to its relationship with potentially affected Aboriginal communities and has created an Aboriginal Relations Liaison position within the company to manage Aboriginal Relations Policy, Guiding Principles and ensure that the consultation requirements of the CEAA and Class EA are satisfied.

Xeneca will endeavor to support the Crown's Duty to Consult to the best of its ability. Xeneca proposes to meet this requirement through:

- Providing project information to potentially affected communities and being responsive to questions, concerns and input in a timely manner;
- Affording consideration to all information Aboriginal communities wish to share regarding existing and traditional use for those resources, and environmental components that might be impacted by the project as well as any potential adverse impacts to treaty rights in the environmental assessment planning process. Ensuring that any traditional

knowledge shared by a Community is presented in an agreed upon manner to ensure that it remains the property of the Community;

- Clearly outline the EA and consultation process and issues to the Communities;
- Maintain records of correspondence and engagement;
- To reflect input questions and responses in the EA Report and subsequent processes accurately, respectfully and in a timely manner;
- Seek to have Aboriginal Communities obtain benefits from the projects where reasonably possible;
- Respect an Aboriginal Community's right not to engage;
- Provide the Crown on request information concerning the proponent's activities.

By meeting these objectives Xeneca hopes to foster and sustain a mutually respectful relationship with its neighbors beyond the requirement to provide support to the Crown.

2 ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION PROGRAM

2.1 Introduction

The Aboriginal Communities consultation program outlined in this plan is intended to meet the proponent's responsibilities and voluntarily support the provincial and federal Crown's consultation and fiduciary requirements. However, a clear process has yet to emerge between the provincial and federal governments and between its various agencies. To provide clarity, Xeneca with the Aboriginal Communities input will need to determine how best to provide support to the Crown's consultation efforts and to meet its fiduciary responsibilities. Consultation and related processes are developed to identify and address Community concerns and issues and to provide Aboriginal Communities with an opportunity to receive information about the project, and to provide meaningful input as it relates to project planning. This document also details how Xeneca's intends to document its consultation efforts and provide that information to the Crown.

2.2 Goals

Xeneca's primary goal is to engage in a respectful manner with the Aboriginal Communities. The consultation program outlines Xeneca's proposed methods by which those communities identified through the provincial and federal EA processes will receive information regarding the project and the engagement in the planning process to provide the means and opportunity for Community participation in the development process and beyond.

The goals of the consultation program are to:

- Identify and notify potentially interested and affected Aboriginal Communities;
- identify and assess the range of positive and any potentially negative environmental and socio-economic effects of the project; and
- Address the concerns of Aboriginal Community members.

To achieve these goals, the consultation program will:

- identify potentially affected Aboriginal Communities;
- provide appropriate notification to identified Aboriginal Communities and to those communities expressing interest in the undertakings as prescribed by CEAA and the Waterpower Class EA; so that these communities are informed of will be aware of where, when and how they can engage in the process;
- provide the methodology and schedule for the engagement of each community member and/or their representatives;
- provide consistent and transparent communication between parties;
- under the guidance of the federal responsible authorities and the provincial ministries, responding in a timely and meaningful fashion to any questions, comments or concerns raised by Aboriginal communities;

- Undertaking additional steps the regulators may request towards furtherance of any consultation process undertaken in connection with any project under reference; and
- Align Aboriginal communities, who have interest in the project but not identified under the CEAA or the EAA, with the appropriate responsible authority to resolve the consultation issues.

The outcomes of the Aboriginal Consultation program will be documented in the Environmental Reports prepared for the Class EA processes which will:

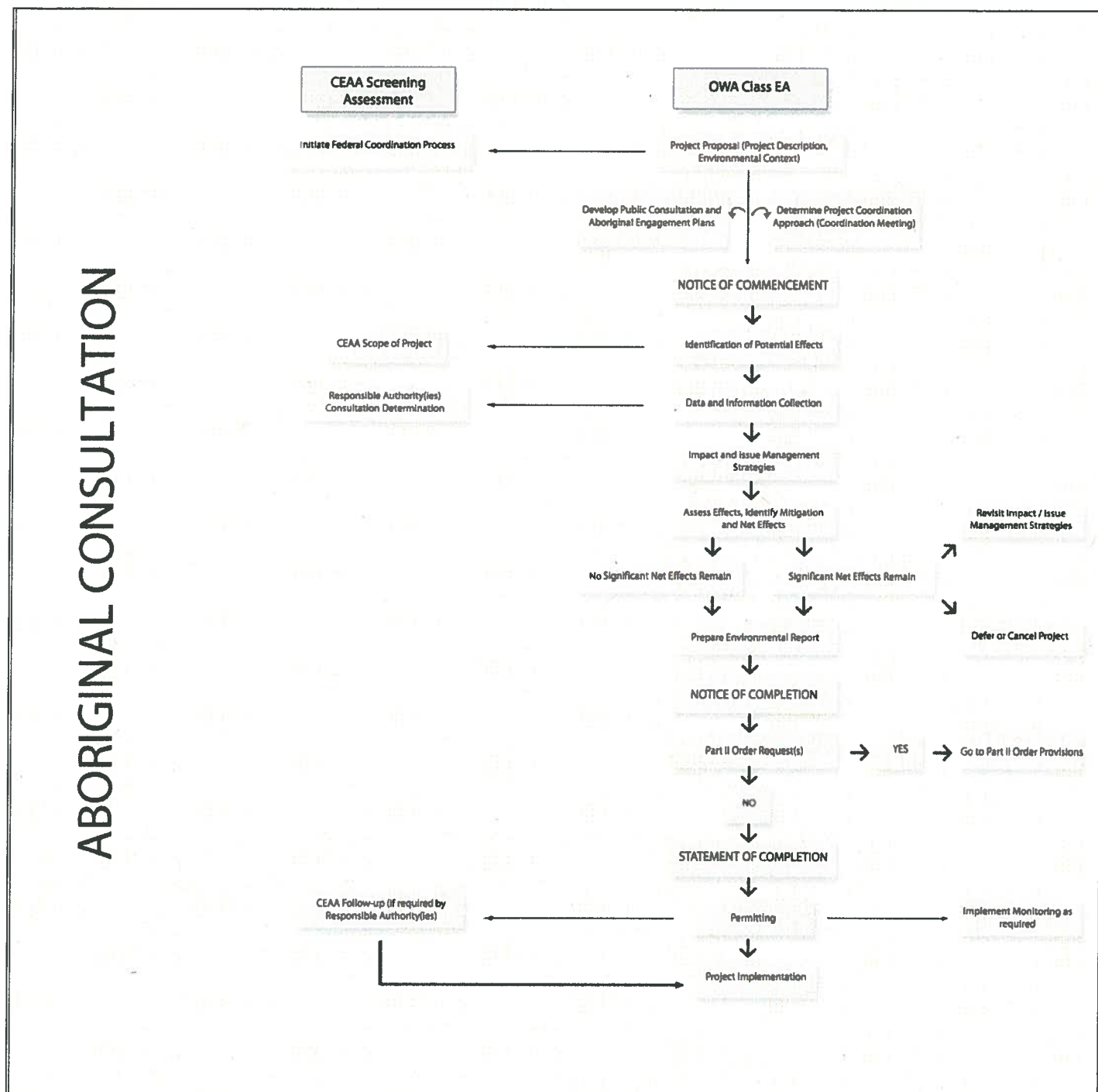
- describe how the project may affect the natural and socio-economic environment;
- provide information on the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes at or near the project site and information as to how the proposed project might impact those uses;
- Provide information as to the potential adverse impacts of the project on potential or established Aboriginal and treaty rights, or claim to Aboriginal title. This includes but is not limited to: potential adverse impacts of regulatory authorizations or those associated with land agreements;
- identify community benefits, concerns and issues related to the project;
- address concerns and issues raised regarding the development and operation; and
- Document all input provided by a Community, and how any concerns were addressed, through avoidance or mitigation and how these measures will be put into place during project planning and development.

Documentation will be presented in text, through spreadsheets and through copies of correspondence which will be detailed in reporting documents (samples provided in Appendix A). Regulators will be provided with any updates, as the consultation process unfolds.

2.3 Process Harmonization and Timelines

Figure 1 outlines Xeneca's proposed Aboriginal consultation process. The environmental assessment report(s) which document the outcomes of the planning process including the consultation program will be presented to the Communities. The consultation record contained in the report will demonstrate how the Communities understand the Project and its' effect on those aspects of the environment that affect their communities. The second outcome is that the communities will also understand that the development process continues with their participation. The next step is to create a plan for future consultation and continued relationship building. For the Wabageshik Project, Xeneca has identified Location Approval as the optimal point to complete Benefit discussions process and reporting as it relates to the Crown's involvement (refer to Table 1). For the undertaking, the following general process outlined in the Class EA for Waterpower Projects has been modified to illustrate how consultation aligns with the federal screening process:

Figure 1. Aboriginal Consultation Process



2.4 Aboriginal Communities Consultation and Timelines

Aboriginal Communities hold a unique position in Canada, and have a legally protected right to participate in the development and review of resource management strategies or plans in areas they assert to be traditional territories, including Crown lands outside areas where treaties apply.

Xeneca will give particular consideration to the concerns of First Nations and other Aboriginal communities located in the vicinity of, or having a potential interest in, the project. First Nations and other Aboriginal communities will be identified, notified, consulted, and involved in an appropriate manner. In addition, Xeneca will solicit participation of Aboriginal Communities in site archaeological investigations and extended invitations for Community participation in the EA coordination meetings.

The consultation program will use a variety of methods to communicate with Aboriginal Communities including, but not limited to:

- newspaper and other media advertising;
- Xeneca website;
- community meetings;
- creation of local advisory committees and/or, elder committees;
- participation in archeological, field visits or other studies;
- e-mailings;
- postal services;
- facsimile;
- telephone, teleconferencing and web and video conferencing;
- signage;
- first-person contact.

Ads will be placed in local newspaper(s) as well as the Xeneca website www.xeneca.com. Where possible, notices will also be placed on municipal Aboriginal Communities websites, Band Office, notice boards and at the venues where public information sessions will be held.

Along with community leadership, the appropriate technical representatives from Aboriginal Communities will be contacted regarding their requirements, concerns and technical input, and be kept apprised of the Aboriginal Community and public consultation program and other opportunities for community participation in the screening process.

Xeneca welcomes engagement when Aboriginal communities desire; Table 1 outlines the project milestones to engage with Aboriginal Communities and for regulatory agencies to review and comment on the process. Xeneca intends to build and maintain these relationships while fulfilling its support role of the Crown's Duty to consult and its Fiduciary responsibilities to Aboriginal Communities.

Table 1: Aboriginal Engagement

Project Milestone	Engagement	Timing	Challenges	Status
Class EA for Waterpower Projects for Vermilion River: Wabagishik Project Administered by the Ontario Waterpower Association and is supervised by the Ministry of the Environment and monitored by the 'One Window' Ministry of Energy	Project Information provided and engagement sought to determine potential adverse effects (on community rights, respond to efforts to address these concerns; Accommodation where appropriate). Copy of Final EA Report provided and comments sought; further engagement if necessary	See Section 2.3	1. Confusion that this process does not capture benefits beyond mitigation and compensation 3. If an Aboriginal community has asserted that the Crown has a duty to consult based on the potential adverse effects on an Aboriginal or treaty right during the course of engagement about the potential effects of the Class EA project, the proponent should notify the Director of the EAAB	See Section 2.3
Discussions to establish post-EA-Report information exchange and as required additional Consultation for Wabagishik project	Debriefing with Chief and Council and Community for those who participated or which expressed interest during the EA process Establish consultation and information exchange process post-EA Aboriginal Information Center, if requested	Voluntary on the part of Proponent Process to be determined with the Community		
Archeology Studies: Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCSS)	Phase 1 completed as part of the Class EA Phase 2 and thereafter completed after the Class EA	1. Aboriginal Communities to be provided Phase 1 for comment 2. Phase 2+ field studies voluntarily offer field engagement. Xeneca will seek input and address questions and concerns 3. Phase 3 studies require further Crown consultation with Aboriginal Communities with Proponent's support		1. Phase 1 to be provided to Communities for comment 2. Organizing Community participation in Phase 2+ studies
Federal Approval and Permits	Detailed Project Design is submitted to the Federal agencies subsequent to the provincial permitting process and if the design determines a negative effect, the mitigation may be a regulatory authorization that will trigger a Federal EA	1. Detailed Project Design provided to Communities for comment 2. Review of Aboriginal Consultation		
Location Approval, Request to commence MNR Permitting and Approvals for Marter	Request by Xeneca to begin this step by Letter to the District Office as outlined in the <u>Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act</u> District reviews EA Report and may make other reasonable requests for documents and information so District Manager can make their decision Will include assessing of Crown's duty to consult based on the Aboriginal Consultation Record; may outline further consultation requirements prior to proceeding	After EA Report is issued Statement of Completion	To be determined During the consultation and engagement process with Aboriginal communities, it may be determined that the proposed Class EA project may potentially adversely affect an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right protected under Section 35 of the <i>Constitution Act</i> , 1982 and that the Crown has a legal duty to consult	To be determined
Requires review and completion of specific tasks and Letters of Advice and/or Acceptance from other Federal and Provincial Ministries	Those permits and approval studies not captured in Class EA can require notification and consultation (Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Class EAs for complementary aspects of the integrated project)	To be determined		
Provincial Approvals and Permits	1. First Nation partnerships and/or impact benefit agreements to be completed by this stage. 2. Separate consultation process established with Aboriginal Communities receiving benefits or in partnership 3. Debriefing with Chief and Council and Community for those entitled to consultation if desired	Voluntary on the part of Proponent for Half Mile Process to be determined with the Community Maybe covered in partnership or benefits agreement(s)		
Community notified that Construction is starting to Commence	1. Invited to Grand Opening 2. Debriefing with Chief and Council and Community if desired	On the part of Xeneca Process to be determined with the Community. Maybe covered in form of an agreement (s)		
Community notified of Project Commissioning	Annual update on facility operations and any required post-monitoring if desired	Voluntary on the part of Xeneca with process determined by the Community. Maybe covered in partnership or benefits agreement(s)		
Annual Facility reporting				

In order to identify Aboriginal Communities Xeneca referred to MNR Site Information Packages where available. Input on Aboriginal Communities was also solicited from various government agencies including Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (formerly, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada), Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources. Table 2 lists those Aboriginal Communities, identified through consultation with provincial ministries and federal Responsible Authorities (RAs), with which Xeneca has and will continue to engage.

Table 2. Aboriginal Communities

Community	Identified by/through
Sagamok Anishnawbek	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Whitefish River First Nation	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Whitefish Lake First Nation	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (located at Point Grondine Indian Reserve No. 3)	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Wahnapitae First Nation	Federal Scoping
Serpent River First Nation	Federal Scoping
Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation	Federal Scoping
M'Chigeeng First Nation	Federal Scoping
Sheguiandah First Nation	Federal Scoping
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising	Federal Scoping
North Channel Métis Council	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Sudbury Métis Council	MNR, Responsible Authorities
Métis Nation of Ontario	MNR, Responsible Authorities

Table 3 outlines Aboriginal consultation and engagement activities undertaken to date and expected timelines for further engagement.

Table 3. Timeline for Aboriginal Participation in the Class EA Process

Site Application	Prior to December 31, 2008
Initial meeting with MNR, MOE and DFO (Coordination meeting)	February 8, 2011
Initiate habitat studies	April 2010
Identify Interest Groups and Potential Stakeholders	April 2010
Initiate stakeholder consultation program	April 2010
Individual meetings with stakeholders	April 2010 and ongoing
Notice of Commencement	July/August , 2010

Participation Processes and Key Outcomes	Expected Deadline
Notice of Commencement re-issued	October/November, 2010
Briefing for CEAA	August 2010
First Nations Invitation to Participate in archaeological survey	October 2010
Agency Coordination meetings	February 2011, May 2011
First Public Information Centre	March 22, 2011
Xeneca presentation to City of Greater Sudbury Planning Committee	March 23, 2011
Draft Class EA Report	July 2012
Additional Public Information Centres	Oct. 20, 2011/ July 25, 2012
Final Class EA Report	October 2011
Thirty Day review period by Aboriginal Communities	October 2012
Engagement Period over 30 day period to receive final comment, concerns, input and address issues related to EA Report.	November 2012
Engagement period between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities to agree on process to complete balance of Consultation and process to maintain relationship.	TBD

* Based on current schedule. It may be extended by about 3 months.

2.4.1 Mandatory Notification

Xeneca prepared and advertised a Notice of Commencement (NoC) (see Appendix A) to formally announce that they are commencing a review under the Waterpower Class EA process and that the project is subject to the Class EA. The NoC includes the proposed project location, the proponent and a contact name, address and phone number as specified in the Class EA document. The NoC was published in local newspapers (Sudbury Star and Mid-North Monitor) and/or mailed to households in the immediate vicinity of the project and to affected government agencies (including the EA Coordinator at the appropriate Regional Office of the MOE) and other potentially interested parties. Further, the NoC and other related project information is posted on the Xeneca website which is also being advertised and promoted to stakeholders. Updated NoCs were re-issued on October 6 and November 4, 2010 to address needs identified by MOE in Thunder Bay.

Upon regulatory review and completion of the Class EA, Xeneca will prepare and distribute a Notice of Completion. This notice will inform public and agency stakeholders that the proponent has completed the draft Class EA and that the review period is commencing. The notice will indicate where copies of the Class EA report can be obtained or reviewed. The notice will be placed in the Sudbury Star and Mid-North Monitor.

Xeneca will deliver the notice to the EA Coordinator at the Regional Office of the MOE, and to all who have expressed an interest in the project. (Xeneca will maintain a mailing list of all persons and agencies that provide comment and input to the process or otherwise express an interest in the project). Xeneca will also deliver the notice to other potentially affected agencies, municipalities, landowners, residents, businesses, and local interest groups.

2.4.2 Information Centres

The first (voluntary) Public information Centres (PIC) for the Wabagishik Rapids project was held in Espanola on March 22, 2011.

The PIC involved the display of relevant information, the provision of take-home materials (project overview, map, comment form, etc.) and available personnel (Xeneca staff and consultants) to address questions or concerns expressed by attendees.

Relevant background information was presented, including information on the proponent and the site in general. Panels were presented containing an introduction, GS conceptual drawings, proposed inundation maps, proposed roads and power lines maps, project benefits and results of environmental/engineering investigations. This information is now available at www.xeneca.com.

A second PIC was held in Espanola on October 20, 2011 to provide an update on the project development and a third PIC is planned for July 25, 2012; also in Espanola.

In conjunction with the July 2012 PICs, Aboriginal Communities were invited to have an information centre in their community or invited to participate in the Public Information Centre.

After submission of the EA Report, Xeneca will organize Aboriginal Information Centres if deemed desirable by the Communities.

2.4.3 Field Visits:

Xeneca is coordinating field visits with Aboriginal Communities during and after the EA Report and Archeological studies to seek Community input and address issues and concerns.

2.4.4 Meetings:

Identified Aboriginal Communities have been invited or engaged in meetings to discuss the EA information and benefits. Meetings will be held with the Communities after

submission of EA Report, if requested, as part Aboriginal Information Center or as part of benefit discussions.

2.5 Agency Consultation

Xeneca has identified that the following agencies which may have a Duty to Consult or have an interest the ACP and its' outcome for the purposes of satisfying the Aboriginal consultation requirements of the Class EA or Federal Screening. Agency technical representatives will be contacted as required, regarding regulatory requirements, concerns and technical input, and will be kept apprised of the Aboriginal consultation program and other opportunities for agency participation in the process.

Federal

- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency);
- Department of National Defense (through CFB Petawawa);
- Environment Canada (EC);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO);
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC);
- Health Canada (HC);
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan);
- Transport Canada (TC);

Provincial

- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports;
- Ministry of Energy;
- Ministry of the Environment;
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Transportation;
- Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

2.6 Documentation

Both the Crown and Xeneca must document the effort and results of consultation activity. Keeping accurate documentation of the activities is crucial to successful

consultation. Xeneca will maintain accurate records of all correspondence flowing between the proponent and the Aboriginal communities. Xeneca's objective is to provide documentation (Aboriginal Consultation Report) that details the efforts undertaken to meet key components of the Crown's constitutional duty by focusing on the following questions:

1. Has the Community been effectively engaged?
2. Has the community been fully informed about the project and its impacts?
3. Was Xeneca fully informed about the community views on its rights and impacts?
4. Has the project been adapted or integrated to respond to those views reasonably?
5. Did the community meet its obligation to participate in good faith by: describing their claims, issues, rights in a clear manner, which does not prevent Xeneca from meeting its duty?
6. Did the Xeneca inform the community of decisions or outcome of the consultation?

The following documentation pertaining to consultation will be included in the environmental assessment report:

- a description of the Aboriginal Community, consultation program and chronology of consultation activities/events;
- a list of Aboriginal Communities contacted or consulted;
- a summary of Aboriginal Community concerns or issues, and how they have been resolved or addressed;
- Summary record of community consultation (see example of consultation record Appendix A);
- Regular updates on progress on consultation and/or the development of a business to business agreement.

Technical reports and other supporting information will be referenced in the report. Xeneca will make supporting information and copies of all correspondence related to the Class EA for public or agency review if requested.

In a partnership approach, to assist the Crown meet its consultation duty, Xeneca will copy the pertinent agencies in emails, and correspondence being sent to the communities, when it is appropriate and necessary.

APPENDIX A

Sample of Consultation Recording

Aboriginal Community Consultation Record

Planning Stage	Date	Aboriginal Community/Contact	Contact Method (Phone, E-mail, letter, fax, mail out etc.)	Concern or Interest Identified, or Information Shared.	Response or Information Provided

Summary of Concerns & Responses

Community(s) – identifying the right, concern or interest	Right, Concern or Interest Identified, or Information Shared.	Considerations / Options	Mitigation/Accommodation Proposed	Response by the Community

Federal Aboriginal Issues Tracking Table

PROJECT NAME:

ABORIGINAL GROUP(S):

DATE (Modify as table is updated)

ISSUE/CONCERN RAISED	NATURE, SOURCE and CONTENT OF RIGHTS	RESPONSE	COMMENTS	Issue STATUS
State the issue/concern raised, by whom it was raised and when . Provide a description of any projected environmental effects of the project relating to the issue/concern.	Indicate the nature (e.g. asserted Aboriginal right, treaty right, title), source (e.g. specific treaty) and content of any rights in question.	Describe measures undertaken to mitigate/eliminate project effects and reference where these measures are documented . Specify if further consultation has taken place to address this issue/concern (e.g. meetings, information sessions etc) including dates. Explain either how the concern is addressed by the response, or explain the rationale for why the concern does not need to be addressed. Specify if the issue/concern was beyond federal EA jurisdiction and if measures were taken to notify appropriate jurisdiction (e.g. Province).	This column can be used for any additional clarifications judged relevant . For example: - to explain why certain actions were not taken - to explain complicating factors, sensitivities, etc.	Indicate level of attention this issue currently requires For example: - Resolved, no further action required - Ongoing (indicate when the issue will be dealt with (e.g. prior to EA completion, at regulatory stage, etc.) - Irresolvable

EA Peer Review Group

Contact Information			Issues		Details	Resolution
Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues		
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabageshik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
05-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for mailing address in Orangeville.	Providing new address to send Draft EA documents.
05-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending you draft posting - for a venue for Xeneca to set up at.	Map says Sagamok River and date says November 21 - What's that?
05-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sagamok river is Neegan typo and its for 2 weeks from now . Just trying to get set - Melissa and Art will be mailing the post.	Will check with team - Requesting action date. Where would we set up - Thinking 4 - 8pm.
06-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of FN meeting invitation letter.	
06-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for sharing copy of letter. Have spoken with Chief and will be providing him and Rhea with information to prepare for this meeting. - including status of the EA, Environmental Condition Report, Arch Study & proposed economic business model.	
07-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Laura Owl is reviewing - Will get back to you soon.	Thanks. Should I call Laura?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advised to contact you by Rhea to confirm details of session for Xeneca. Will book the CNC for the date. Had mentioned starting around 4 - 6pm. Please advise.	Thank you for doing follow up. Rhea and I were trying to coordinate around the time of the Capital Planning event. Is that on November 21?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes, Workshop # 6 is one the 21st of November for 6 - 9.	What is the location of the workshop?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sunrise Room at the bingo hall.	Wonder if we could rent the larger room and set up there so folks checking out the capital plan can swing by and look at our stuff. What do you think?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sounds like an excellent plan.	Need to confirm the date with colleagues. Event posting will be sent to you ASAP if dates work. Is that something you can assist with - posting the flyer at visible sites?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes - The sooner the flyers are out the better.	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa-Kaning First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded, UCCM, Shigulandah First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
14-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have not heard back from team yet. This is too short notice for community members. Would prefer min. 2 weeks to put up postings. Lets look at the calendar and see if there's another date available for December or January.	

14-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Received Wabageshik Draft EA Report by courier. Are there any time restraints regarding review of report?	No time restraints on DRAFT ER, but there will be a 30-day window to review Final ER after Notice of Completion is issued.
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul27 Wabageshik Intro Ltr", "12Nov5 FM Mig Ltr", "12Nov9 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER", "12Sept5 Wabageshik PD Ltr".	I'm away from the office (automated message).
21-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	White Fish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provided debriefing on meeting with First Nation representatives in Sault Ste. Marie, requested invitation to meet with negotiations team or Chief and Council. Christian advised that the team is difficult to assemble because they are very busy and meet on a voluntary basis.	
29-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to Sault Ste. Marie meeting. Understanding is that Sagamok will take care of environmental aspects & third party review of The Environmental Assessment Report and UCCM will handle the business relationship.	In principle, no problem. Xeneca requires proposal that outlines the firm that Sagamok plans to use and a budget of current and projected costs.
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Three possible third-party reviewers: Knight Piesold, Kuhn-Clippin-Berger, EXP. No more will be done on this front until the Chief is consulted and Xeneca approves.	Two reputable firms are Senes and Dillon Consulting. It will be important to identify main issues to determine next level of review.
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft Terms of Reference for ER review and draft budget for archaeological review and ER review. Will develop ToR for archaeological review once stage II archaeological study is obtained.	
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm working on preparing Terms of Reference for third party reviews of the ER and Stage II Archaeological Studies for Wabageshik. Could you provide status update on Arch. Study? Will most likely have Victor Lytwyn review it. Looking at EXP to review ER, but want to look at others. Please provide list of consultants you have worked with so we can avoid conflicts of interest.	WESA is writing the bulk of our reports. Baseline studies were done by Natural Resources Solutions Inc. We have used Trow/Exp for some one-off work related mostly to surveying, so there shouldn't be any conflict.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting clarification. Is this review for Sagamok alone, or for all involved communities?	It is intended to be conducted for all communities but led by Sagamok. I'm not totally clear on who is on the review. I don't know where AAFN came out, but it is definitely for UUCM, Sagamok and probably Whitefish River. Please send an email or letter of acceptance of the budget proposal.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	That's my concern with the terms of reference. Only some of the UCCM communities were present. As Dean noted, Whitefish Lake hasn't been at the table. I'm also not entirely clear as to which UCCM communities intend to assert jurisdiction and would cede the lead on the reviews to Sagamok.	As far as I know UCCM Chiefs are in as is Sagamok. It would be best if AAFN were in on this as they're the only other identified community. Believe time for participation in environmental aspect is now.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I understand. The budget you proposed seems reasonable.	Chief has instructed me to confirm that Xeneca will be funding the process and to begin. If we need to pause to get AAFN on board we can.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Don't pause. Proceed and find someone. I am fine with the proposed budget. But you need to retain someone and get them to refine it with a scope of work.	Reviewed annexes, appendices and main report and selected documents that I believe should be reviewed by a consultant.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I understand that Uwe will be meeting with Chief Miller in the new year and we hope they'll want to participate on Wabageshik and the other Vermilion projects.	
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	AAFN may be in on review. Be aware that they might request funding for a separate third party review.	Thanks for the information. If you haven't hired a consultant yet we could use that in our discussion with Chief Miller (i.e. cooperative selection of consultant).

06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We are shopping for consultants. We could select one collaboratively with AAFN, provided that they want to cooperate.	It could be a point of discussion when Uwe meets Chief Miller.
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Great Dean. We should try to get together next week for coffee.	I'm in Lively. We should have lunch if the timing is right.
13-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have you made any progress on the selection of a biology consulting firm? Have you given any thought to whether you want an archaeology review and who will perform it? We feel that we are getting close to resolving main issue and will file a Notice of Completion when that point is reached. It is imperative that we stay in the timeline we discussed. Could you get the reviews done in a month?	Chief said that all communities are in, so we can proceed to find a consultant. I need to finish up ToR and scope of work to present to possible consultants. Victor Lytwyn will be doing archaeology review.
13-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll try to keep AAFN in the loop. I am good with you finding the right consultant for the ER review. We have completed Stage II Arch. Studies, and are trying to avoid having to do Stage III by avoiding the areas of value. Need scopes and rough budgets from consultants.	
11-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Two consultation firms responded to us: Senes and EXP. Senes is by far the more qualified choice. I have not yet shared these thoughts or proposals with Sagamok, but hope to get Levi, the Chief and Rhea involved in assessing the proposals and coming to a decision. I have no idea where UCCM is with the business arrangement.	By the way, Ed Jaratta, who's leading our EA process, is an ex-Senes consultant.
24-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I met last week with Art Jacob and he will be meeting with Chief Eshlakogon for a status update on the ER review. How is the proceeding with Senes coming along?	
29-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update of review process. We are taking steps to begin the third party review, including the write up of a contract and getting materials to Phil and his team. Could Xeneca send a copy of the EA Report directly to Phil Shantz at Senes?	Grace, can you bum me one more copy of the EA: Wabageshtik?
29-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks Arnold. I assume this can be sent directly to Phil Shantz?	Yes, we'll send it to Mr. Shantz.
29-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	The CD will be couriered out tomorrow.	Thanks Grace. Sorry to have to ask for another copy!
29-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	No worries! It is ok.	
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Met with Phil Shantz, gave him appendices and annexes. Will use Senes to review Stage II Archaeological Studies instead of Victor in order to keep costs low. The annexes provided only contained info pertaining to Stage I. Can we get an electronic or draft form of Stage II? Can you provide contact info for MNO and DFO regulators involved? We would like to contact them regarding comments they made to Xeneca about project.	Grace please send contact info to Alex. Uwe and I met with Chief Miller last week and are trying to set up another meeting. We understand that Wahnapitae FN and Serpent River FN are not interested in the project but have not sent us documentation to that effect. Waiting to hear back from Woodland RE: Stage II Report.
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Phil Shantz received Stage II Archaeology report disk in mail, but it is "public", redacted version. Is it possible to get full, un-redacted version? Do you know whether the project and project footprint has an impact on the archaeological site?	Xeneca may not be allowed to release full version. Will ask.
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	My understanding is that a Stage III Archaeological review cannot take place without Aboriginal and MNO consultation. No First Nations community can participate without knowing the details of the Stage II. We could consult the MTCS if that is better. First Nations could invoke the terrain of the duty to consult.	I hear you. As I said, not an issue for me either but I'm not the archaeologist. Let me check with Luke and John at Woodland.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing contact info for Bob Robinson (MNO) and Kelly Eggers (DFO).	

01-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks. I wonder if we should also get a contact for MTCS as per the discussion on the archaeological study. Thanks Grace!	
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	It's my understanding that there will be no Stage III on the Wabagoshik on account of the project being moved upstream to avoid this value and other environmental considerations (fish spawning). Woodland has a protocol for working with communities on field visits.	There is still an interest on the part of Sagamok at least to know the findings of the Stage II. Perhaps we can see what Luke and John say and what the restrictions are from a legislative and regulatory perspective.
01-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry, Meant to include Arnold in this discussion as well.	
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	John advises that they cannot release the report until it has been approved and a clearance letter issued by MTCS. Stage II has not yet received clearance. I asked the archaeologists to push MTCS to speed up the process because the FNs are asking for it.	Thanks. That works. Understand the restrictions and also the law/regulation/policy context. I'm sure we'll eventually be able to look at the Stage II report.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I appreciate it. Just have Senes beaver through it and once I can get my hands on that MTCS clearance letter, I'll send it to Phil via Dropbox.	We'll fold in archaeological angle on this as documentation becomes available. Senes is proceeding. I'll be sorting out a contract next week.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Do you want to have Senes bill us directly and to copy you? I need to prepare a Purchase Order anyways, so this should avoid the administration (middle man stuff).	That's a possibility. We've done this before - it saves Sagamok from handling the money. Let me just check with Senes that they are okay with that.
08-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll proceed to contract directly with Senes, just to keep things separate. Since there are other FNs involved I would like to keep things clear in terms of the relationship and the independence of Senes in completing this work.	
11-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Just want to touch base and find out how Senes review is going. Is there anything we can do to start to address issues and do you have a sense of when they will complete the review? We are looking to get an engineering letter followed by an archaeological opinion that indicates that our proposed solution to buffer and avoid the known site is the preferred solution.	
12-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Senes is fully engaged. They proposed 3-4 to completion. A small working group of reps from Sagamok, UCCM, and Wili will receive completed review. Chief Paul directed me to not speak to Atikamekw on any resource development matter as he feels they aren't in a position to respond to things. We are still interested in Stage II results. Arnold, invoice from Sagamok is attached.	Thanks Alex. I'll get the invoice in for processing. I would appreciate a copy of the Senes invoice once the process is done downstream.
19-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration	We have the letter from MTCS and will get the report to SENES ASAP.	Thanks. If you could please forward this to Senes and myself that would be much appreciated. I'll let Phil know that the report will be made available.
21-Feb-13	SENES (Third party EA review)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to inquire about progress on EA Report review.	
21-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration	Here is the Stage II Report and letter from MTCS. Please provide Phil Shantz's email address so that I can send a copy to him.	Thanks Dean. I will forward it to him directly.

27-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I had a note from Bob Robinson indicating that the comments from MNR on Wabageshik would be shared via your office with Sagamok (and other FNs) for the purposes of third party review - which is well in progress now. My expectations on timing are that we'll have a draft/final report from Senes towards the middle/end of March, then have a meeting re: results, then meet with Senes, Xeneca and FNs.	We are planning to do a round of calls with various districts just to keep them in the loop. I will arrange to send you the comments that the MNR had on the projects, our response and their reply shortly. We could try to align comments in such a way to see where the MNR and the FNs agree/disagree.
27-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes, we can try aligning the comments in that way. It might take some reconciliation and sorting. I'll wait to get MNR's comments, Xeneca responses and your response. Who do you see as the other main regulator here? I would think the MNR and DFO are the main ones we would need to deal with. We were able to put Senes in touch with Kelly Eggers at DFO.	The main regulators are really MNR and MDE. Once Grace gets in I'll get her to compile the three reports and I will fire it off to you.
27-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please see attached Xeneca's responses to agencies' comments on Wabageshik Draft ER, including responses to MNR, MOE, DFO and EC comments. A major issues list is attached as well. Currently Xeneca is reviewing all the major issues with agencies.	Thanks. That should set us up very well to put the full picture together.
27-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please find attached the original comments from DFO and EC which are not included in my last email. Also please find MNR review comments back to our responses.	
08-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending additional archaeological information that may not have been included in the package sent to Mr. Shantz. Please send to Mr. Shantz for his files and review.	
11-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We have the cheque for the down payment of the Senes ER review. Do you want us to send it direct or route it to you? Does it need a cover explaining what it is for? Rama will direct you as required.	Thank you for processing the cheque. It can be sent directly to Sagamok and to the attention of Kim Sissenah, Director of Finance. She has the original invoice as well (reattached here).
19-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Following up to see if Senes has completed its review of the Wabageshik Rapids ER documents. I wanted to get a sense of the next steps. Is there some way that we can get a sense of the issues that we are offside on? We'd like to know which issues are important for the communities, and which issues that have been raised by the agencies are not as important to the communities.	
19-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We received Senes draft report late last week. I'm pleased with it's overall quality and clarity. As such, I suggest that we move forward to meetings with Chief and Council and the interested First Nations. We've set April 17th aside for a meeting with Xeneca/Senes/Sagamok/Interested FNs. Listing areas of concern/interest to FNs.	Sounds great. Get direction on whether you can release the report. I'll bring our consultants in for a review and seek to make them available to answer questions. Not sure if it will be in person or by call. Archaeology for ex. is under a gun for field work.
20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	The Chief has directed that we proceed with the meeting with the FN group. There are a few things in the Senes report that suggest a bit more field work may need to be done. We'll definitely have the report to you before we meet in April.	
20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would you have Chief Joe Hare and Art Jack's email and/or full contacts that you can share with me? Listing names of people involved in the Senes environmental third party review. I've asked the Chief of AAFN if I could visit Christian Naponse. We'll see what comes back.	I didn't read that last part about Christian Naponse but she'll be most welcome!

20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I thought it might be prudent to reach out a bit to AAFN. The Chief is a bit hot and cold on these matters, so I have to check each time. He suggested we should share the report with AAFN.	
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update on where we are at with setting things up to review the third party review report from Senes. A letter's going out today to invite the FN review group to attend a meeting at Sagamok to review the report on April 5. I'd like to give the group some time to comment & review before we turn the report over to Xeneca. We have a meeting on April 17 with Xeneca, Senes, Sagamok and other FNs to have open discussion and review on various matters.	
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would you have a problem with moving the Xeneca/Sagamok/Senes/Other First Nations meeting from April 17th to May 7th in order to accommodate the Chief? We would still be able to share the report with you after we meet on April 5th, so you'd have a good heads up RE: areas of interest/concern.	No problems. We have to work with everyone's schedules.
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Great. I've just revised the letter to the FNs and indicated a meeting early in May.	
21-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Hoping we can get the Senes report a little earlier in case there are additional requests for information (i.e. Sturgeon studies, bird migration). The earlier we know about these requests, the easier it will be to organize for them. Anything flagged that goes to the heart of treaty rights or traditional land use needs to be focused on. BTW, I am almost done with Terms Sheet. Should it go to ART Jacko? Do you want a copy?	I'll have a look at the report and consult with Phil Shantz. We can review it on April 5th to zero in on priority items. Art Jacko is the key contact for Terms Sheet but could you please send it to me as well.
22-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing heads-up on items arising from the Senes report that may have implications for additional field work or study in 2013 and matters that may have time sensitivity.	Thanks Alex.
25-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	UCCMM	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion of draft Term Sheet.	
02-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have to request that we move the Xeneca/Senes/First Nations meeting date from April 26th to April 14th as one of the key consultants is not available then. Please confirm if this works.	I can do that date. Andrew: Are you available that day?
02-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Natural Resource Solutions Inc.	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I can do that date as well. OO we know where the location will be?	Thank you for accommodating this change. The meeting will take place somewhere on the island if one of the First Nations wishes to host it there, otherwise it will be in Sagamok.
03-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Art Jacko. He wants to know results of environmental review before assessing financial participation.	Brief explanation of Xeneca's approach.
06-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Just wanted to follow up to see how the meeting went last Friday. Any chance we could get the Senes report in the next few days? I've lined up Andrew Schiedel from NRSI to attend the meeting. Dean and I will be at GreenX2 tomorrow and Wednesday in Sudbury. If you're there, hope to catch you!	

09-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	
10-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I am pleased to share the Third Party Technical Review report prepared by Senes. A letter will be coming from Chief Paul in the next day or so as well. This is draft #2. I am still firming up plans for the 24th, but I suggested yesterday that we meet as a caucus on the morning of the 24th, have lunch, and then meet in the aft. with Xeneca and your consultants. Location is likely Whitefish River, needs to be confirmed.	Thank again Alex. It was great to see you yesterday.
10-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Posted letter	EA Administration	Draft-SENES EA Report review #2.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks, just let us know the location and timing.	
15-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached is correspondence from Chief Paul Eschlagan of Sagamok Anishnawbek.	Thank you. We look forward to the review meeting on Apr. 24th and to the ongoing dialogue on issues of concern about the proposed project. Our habitat and archaeological consultants will be joining us at the meeting, so we can discuss any questions that have been raised by the Senes review.
18-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeng First Nation, Aundeck-Omni-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advising of Apr. 24th meeting. Meeting will be at Whitefish River Community Centre. Draft agenda is under discussion and will be distributed prior to meeting. Providing times for meetings.	Confirming my attendance.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeng First Nation, Aundeck-Omni-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Sheguiandah's admin assistant, Shelba, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zarah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.	That's great!

23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.	
23-Apr-13	Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Onni-Aundek-Kaning First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks, see you then.	
24-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development, Woodland Heritage Services, NISI	Sheguandah First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Atikamekshong Anishnawbek First Nation, Wikwemikong First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Discussion about archaeological work at site, how to avoid a Stage II arch. study. Discussion about possibility of sturgeon living in Wabageshik Lake and studies to determine whether or not they are actually there. Discussion regarding fish passage. Discussion of inundation area and mercury levels.	
28-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for attending the meeting last week at Birch Island to discuss the third party review of the Wabageshik Rapids project. Follow-up to meeting, discussion of Senes services.	Only the version that we saw in the afternoon, not the one that might have been part of the briefing to the communities in the morning (unless it's the same).
28-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I prepared a list of items where we identified follow up/next steps to be taken by the FNs or Xeneca. Feel free to add, comment etc. I had a note from Phil Shantz asking if it might be possible to do a site visit. Could we have a list of plants encountered at the site? We'd like to review this with knowledge holders to see if there is anything of interest/concern.	Dean will put the minutes together for review. We'll put a response together to Chief Eshkagogan's letter. I will review the items for a follow up as well.
29-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you Alex. I know Arnold will send this to finance for processing. Everyone did a great job on the review.	
30-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm finishing up the meeting notes. The notes will refer to the Senes presentation. Could we have that as part of the documentation?	
01-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.	We had a few delays on our end but here it is (providing meeting notes). I included your section of action items below the speaking points. If they are good feel free to share among the group.

03-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to last week's discussion and planning for field trip in June. Hoping to establish a date or range of dates that can be available to go to the site. I would like to organize a planning meeting for early next week to start listing the support and equipment we'll need. So far I know elders Gene Jacko and Jean Andrews-McGregor will participate and I would look to this group to determine who else to invite.	
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending response to sturgeon questions/concerns. Also attaching a locational map that shows project location, a close up of the proposed project area and the foundation mapping. We are currently in the process of considering a couple options in regards to the sturgeon studies. Proposed archaeological field work should be finished by the second week of June. Once I know the exact dates of Luke's work I'll advise Alex Ker.	
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending response to sturgeon questions/concerns. Also attaching a locational map that shows project location, a close up of the proposed project area and the foundation mapping. We are currently in the process of considering a couple options in regards to the sturgeon studies. Proposed archaeological field work should be finished by the second week of June. Once I know the exact dates of Luke's work I'll advise Alex Ker.	
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agonie) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agonie.
28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I believe the response letter and attachments have gotten through to Shegulandah and AOK. I sent the material to the Band Manager at AOK. Phil Shantz would like to go into the site with Luke Dalla Bona when he does the field work. Please keep me apprised of plans. We will also see if there is another person from Sagamok who might want to go (Ileca, Michelle or Art).	Sure thing Alex. I'm copying Luke so that he is aware that Phil wants to join him for the field visit.
28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would it be possible for representatives from Sagamok to join you and the water keepers on your visit to the Wabageshik site? Also, our consultant and some people from Sagamok will be joining Luke Dalla Bona when he goes to the site to do his archaeological field work. Do you or others want to join us? I can include you in the correspondence if so.	We can invite two elders and perhaps yourself. We were looking at June 15-17. I need to talk with the elders to confirm details.
30-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll arrange to have Sagamok Elders (up to 2) brought to the staging point.	Is there any way we can schedule for June 13th? The 15th-17th doesn't work for me. Please let me know. I'll double check with Genny and her group.
30-May-13	Woodland Heritage	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	The week of June 17th works for me. Dean please let me know what the schedule is. I'll put down the week of the 17th as a definite for Wabageshik. Please understand that it will be very disruptive to my scheduling of other projects if this gets delayed.	Thanks Luke. I would like to start planning the field trip for this next week with Robina, Alex Phil and other interested communities. I am able to meet in WFR or set up a teleconference.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	Just spoke with Bruce McG. He should be able to provide me with a proposal by tomorrow some time.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks Alex. I'm just sensitive to the timing. If it's a reasonable proposal, the communities support that approach and the MNR is willing to issue the appropriate ESA permits, Xeneca will be committed to funding.	

31-May-13	SENEC	Xeneca Power Development, Woodland Heritage	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will get back to you shortly on this. I would likely only go out for a day or two. I originally thought Luke was looking at the week of the 10th but this may work out fine.	
31-May-13	Xeneca Power Development		Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to April 24th meeting. Xeneca's archaeology consultant will be at the Wabageshik site for the week of June 17th to conduct a field study re: transmission lines and roads. This is a good opportunity to visit the site with waterkeepers from WFRFN. Luke can show the participants the site and explain his work and protection protocols. I'd like to set up a conference call next week to begin the planning.	
02-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	My suggestion is to schedule what works for the waterkeepers. Sagamok would like to join, but we'll leave the scheduling up to you and then just see who is able to join you on those dates. I'm hoping to be on the call tomorrow afternoon on this as I know Dean is trying to coordinate a lot of activity at the site.	
03-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have confirmed with Genny Jacko, the Elder that will be conducting the water ceremony. She has set June 20th to travel the rapid area and conduct the ceremony. She will be accompanied by 4 others. She prefers to start early as she has plans for travel in the afternoon. I've left a message with John Recollet to arrange for transportation. I'll be able to confirm some of the logistics by tomorrow.	The date of June 20th sounds good. Two elders from Sagamok and likely councillor Michelle Toulouse and Rhea (maybe me) will also join. Arranged with Dean to have an additional boat.
03-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Whitefish River First Nation, Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	June 20 sounds good. Two elders, Michelle Toulouse, Rhea Asinewe and Alex Ker will attend site meeting as representatives of Sagamok.	
04-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Ministry of Natural Resources	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Through our dialogue with various communities we have managed to get the participation of most of the identified and local communities including Sagamok FN, Whitefish River FN, Aundeck-Omit-Kaning, M'Chingeng FN, Shegandah, UCCMM, Wikwemikong and Aishikongsheng. Anishnawbek into a process to peer review our draft EA Report and to deal with issues related to cultural heritage. Discussion about concerns relating to sturgeon in and around the Wabageshik project area. Request to make phone call to discuss ESA permit for sturgeon study.	
05-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Ministry of Natural Resources	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussing possibility of call on Friday. Nikki is working on the availability of staff from 1:00pm to 1:30pm. She will confirm shortly.	
05-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just got off the phone with Nikki Boucher from the MNR about the possibility of a call on Friday. We're thinking 1:00pm to 1:30pm. Let me know if you are available then. Details will come later.	
11-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Woodland Heritage, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing agenda for visit to Wabageshik Rapids project site.	Sounds like a good plan. I'm calling Michelle and Rhea. Levi will likely join the trip. We're working on getting a boat for Sagamok. Might catering be possible?
11-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Woodland Heritage, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Catering is an excellent idea. We'd be happy to use a local caterer.	You should probably add into the visit a basic orientation to the site. Since I haven't been before, I'm not sure the best location in which to view it is. You should probably also bring a drawing/drawings of the site.
12-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Senes	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sure thing. Mark Holmes can help me with that as he was at the site a few weeks ago. Luke has also been on the ground and can help.	

12-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Woodland Heritage, Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I can look into a local caterer.	Can I get an approx. number of participants?
12-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development, Whitefish River First Nation, Woodland Heritage	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	My first count is 12 people but that number could increase by next week. Fifteen bagged lunches should cover it.	
13-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We're looking at the downstream option. We'll advance it first.	I would suggest that we do not take the elders up the upstream route. If the downstream route is accessible that sounds like it would be better. If, however, it is not possible to access it at this time of year, I suggest we reschedule.
13-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion of billing.	Is there an honorarium?
13-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes.	
14-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Dean is advancing this next week, and the current weather looks pretty good. I think we should be able to access the key site from downstream. Let's play it by ear as they are going out Monday.	
14-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Kevin Beckerton and I are doing a scouting trip on Monday to a launch point very close on the downstream side of the site. If we have only 2 boats it will be easy to go back and forth to pick up passengers. No crazy hiking required.	Great.
14-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm checking on boat availability and closing up my offer to the communities this afternoon. I have a backup plan to go to the site early next week (Tues) with a guy who knows the area. We'll find the best route to come in by the downstream.	I'm sure you'll be able to find a good downstream route. I am not sure what is happening with boat arrangements. I'll check with Rhea.
18-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	WHITEFISH LAKE FIRST NATION, WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION, SAGAMOK ANISHNAWBEK FIRST NATION, WIKWEMIKONG UNCEDED FIRST NATION, AUNDECK-OMNI-KANING, M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION, UCCMM, Senes	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing plan for Thursday's field trip (driving directions, itinerary).	
18-Jun-13	Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation	Xeneca Power Development, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Aundeck-Omni-Kaning, M'Chigeeng First Nation, UCCMM, Senes	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I will not be able to participate. I have tried contacting our Lands dept. to send someone in my place, but they are very busy with other projects. Thanks for the invite and details. We hope to participate in the next visit, if any are planned.	Thanks for the reply. If something comes up that requires an additional field trip, you'll be invited to participate. I'll pass along a summary of the field trip and share pictures from the day.
18-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Resending email with details of field trip. Previous one bounced back.	
18-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here are the driving directions from the east direction of the highway to the project (Naam). Please reconfirm if you will attend.	Thank you for the invitation but we will be unable to attend.
18-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Robina this morning about your call. She had informed me that there will be 4 guests from Whitefish River. I told her that you had the boat and a good/safe path to enter the site.	

19-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We will remember people who couldn't make it at the ceremony. Do you have time to meet next week? I need your help to determine if the community is satisfied on how Xeneca is advancing the environmental assessment and if there is interest in a partnership.	
19-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing number of people coming out and number of lunches required. Please let me know what Nancy can do.	I just called her, she is out shopping. Her husband is going to try to contact her.
21-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting list of names of ladies who performed ceremony. Do you have Dropbox?	Providing names of women. We do not have Dropbox, but we will hopefully have an account set up later today.
24-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I think Robina may have an account and I will also include your email once you are set up.	
05-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Aundack-Omni-Kaning, M'Chigeeng First Nation, UCCMM, Senes	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing meeting notes and photos of Wabageshik filed trip.	
06-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Excellent summary, good pictures.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:		Wabagishik G.S.	
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):		First Nations EA Peer Review Group	
Date:		23-Sep-13	
Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record	
Looking for consultant to represent the group, Sagamok and UCCMM for third party technical review.	11-Jan-13	Xeneca assisted in locating a qualified consultant to participate in third party review and provided compensation for the review.	
Request for copy of EA report to be sent to third party consultant.	29-Jan-13	Public version sent 31-Jan-13, full version sent 21-Feb-13. Also sent SENES the following documents: Wabagishik Archaeology Development Plan, Construction Sequence Plan, Vermillion River Foster TWP Stage 2, Xeneca letter to MTCS on Wabagishik	
Lake Sturgeon - consultant has questioned whether the conclusion that there are not Lake Sturgeon upstream or in Wabagishik Lake is sound. Also, has questioned conclusions about Lake Sturgeon inability to move upstream through the rapids. There is a recommendation for broader field work / sampling and reconsideration of some of the conclusions drawn about upstream passage based on scientific literature that looks at fish behaviour in controlled versus natural environments.	22-Mar-13	Xeneca has completed extensive studies on the Vermillion River in the proposed Project area in 2011 and 2012 which provided no incidence of Lake Sturgeon. Further information from the district MNR staff and anecdotal data collected during the study period indicate that there are no Lake Sturgeon in the area. Additionally lake sturgeon would find upstream movement difficult because of the steep channel and fast flows. Xeneca has offered to work with UCCMM and First Nation Communities on restoration initiatives for Lake Sturgeon downstream of the Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Site.	
Walleye - The consultants feel that a second year of study is required to determine potential impacts on this VEC.	22-Mar-13	Additional walleye studies were completed as part of the overall water management plan on the Vermillion River. Xeneca reviewed these studies as part of a comprehensive literature review which determined that a second year of study wasn't necessary as the results of this study showed similar data to the initial review.	
Northern Pike - As above, more data on this VEC may be required to determine potential impacts.	22-Mar-13	Northern Pike habitat was not found to be present in the headpond upon investigation. Northern Pike habitat was found downstream and lake Wabagishik. A mitigation strategy in the operation plan seeks to minimize impact on Northern Pike spawning in the downstream areas, and the operation of the facility won't result in impacts to Northern Pike habitat in the lake.	
Methyl Mercury Fish Tissue Sampling - Additional sampling is recommended, particularly with respect to Walleye and Northern Pike which were excluded from previous assessment.	22-Mar-13	Fish species were of the size and species composition requested by the Ministry of the Environment and this methodology is described in section 4 of the <i>Wabagishik Rapids Baseline Water Quality and Fish Report</i> prepared by Hutchison Environmental Services Ltd in June 2013. Baseline years studied include 2012 and 2013. (Annex IV, Surface Water Quality).	

Turtle Survey - Consultants feel that a Turtle Survey is required as a result of desirable habitat (downstream and including for Blanding's) and the confirmed presence/observance of snapping turtle.	22-Mar-13	A survey for Blanding's Turtle and other turtles was completed in May and June 2013. This survey included an assessment of habitat and species presence. The survey found presences of turtles including snapping turtles, and painted turtles, however targeted surveys for Blanding's turtles did not result in any individuals. Mitigation measures for these species can be found in Table 11 of the Wabageshik Baseline Environmental Conditions for Road Options prepared by Northern Bioscience in June 2013 in Annex VI, Lines and Roads.
Transmission Lines / Roads - General observation that terrestrial field work and archaeological work have not been completed as the preferred route has not been selected.	22-Mar-13	The terrestrial field work was completed for the all the roads and lines options in May and June 2013. The results of this assessment can be found in the <i>Wabageshik Baseline Environmental Conditions for Road Options</i> prepared by Northern Bioscience (June 2013). The archaeological assessment for the lines and roads was completed July 2013. The results of this assessment can be found in the Stage I Archaeology Report Prepared by Woodland Heritage located in Annex V . The preferred route selection will be made as during the detailed design phase of the selection. Aboriginal consultation will continue during this phase.
Cultural Heritage / Belmer Site - This continues to be a concern for Sagamok and suspect will also be an area of focus for the other Communities. Our consultants have suggested that confirmation of the eastern boundary of the project site be provided. Also, there would need to be a determination by Luke DellaBona from Woodland Heritage whether there was need for a Stage II (archaeology assessment) for areas that are now within the project site, but may not have been included in the archaeological work done to date.	22-Mar-13	The Belmer Site is outside the project construction island. Construction fencing will be erected demarking the eastern boundary of the site. This will include a fence 70m from the boundary area preventing staff from entering the site. An avoidance strategy letter has been submitted to MTCs showing the fences during construction and the rationale of no impacts to the Belmer site. Additional archaeology work has been completed for remainder of project areas, including construction lay down areas, all access roads, and transmission lines which concluded that there would be no anticipated impacts from the Project activities with relation to archaeological values.
Operational Plan - clarification with DFO and MNR - once clarified a few other issues identified in the Senes report may be resolved.	22-Mar-13	Xeneca has reached consensus with the Agencies (MNR, MOE and DFO) on the operating plan of the project including minimum environmental flows and compensatory flows. Please refer the <i>Proposed Operating Plan & Water Management Plan Amendment Wabageshik Rapid Small Waterpower Project</i> which was updated on July 2013 for further information. (Annex I).
Fish entrainment and impingement and mitigation strategies - our consultant has raised some issues in this area, but they are items for discussion between Xeneca and the FNs (and consultants) and do not require further field work.	22-Mar-13	more information can be found in the in Section 6.6 of the updated <i>Wabageshik Rapids Hydroelectric Generating Station Project: Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report (July 2013) prepared by NRSI (Annex III)</i> which has been updated from the previous version. This matter was discussed with the MNR and turbines with blade designs which prevent entrainment and impingement will be utilized. Monitoring will occur post construction and should it find that mitigation measures are not effective the intake will be further modified to prevent or reduce entrainment and impingement including provision lighting, electrical barriers, air bubbling and sound barriers.
There is reported to be a lack of information on the actual area of inundation, which also may affect some of the findings, conclusions and recommendations.	22-Mar-13	The area of inundation was updated on July 2013 and is described in Operating Plan prepared by ORTECH. Discussions have been held with MNR and MOE to confirm the inundation. This information is also included in Section 5, Operating Strategy of the ER.

Spawning habitat loss - we understand that this has not been calculated yet, and that discussions may be underway with DFO and MNR.	22-Mar-13	Areas requiring habitat compensation are outlined in <i>Wabagishik Rapids Hydroelectric Generating Station Project Preliminary Fish Habitat Compensation Plan</i> (July 2013) prepared by NRSI located in Annex III.
Important findings from many of the supporting studies and reports are not summarized in the main ER document.	10-Apr-13	This has been corrected in the final report.
The draft ER provides a limited discussion of potential environmental effects.	10-Apr-13	We have strengthened the effects/mitigation tables to provide greater information.
There were several components of the environment that were only minimally assessed.	10-Apr-13	We have expanded environmental reviews and descriptions for the final report.
Some important aspects of the Project have not been resolved or assessed and are apparently (and it is not entirely clear) that will be deferred into a post environmental assessment pre-construction stage.	10-Apr-13	For the final version of the report Xeneca has taken care to include all Project components in its site assessment.
There are some important findings and mitigation measures identified in the supporting documents but it is not fully clear whether such measures will be implemented.	10-Apr-13	Xeneca is fully committed to the mitigation and monitoring as described in the ER text, and is bound by them as required under provincial and federal law as described in the Environmental Protection Act, the Environmental Assessment Act and all associated Regulations, policies and programs.
We would recommend that Sagamok remain involved with the environmental assessment process (and later stages) while the Proposed Project continues to evolve.	10-Apr-13	Xeneca intends to continue to keep Sagamok and all potentially impacted aboriginal communities involved during the environmental assessment process, as well as throughout the construction and operation periods of the Project.
It is recommended that in subsequent consultation between Sagamok and Xeneca that the two transmission route options be prominently mapped for inspection by community resource users.	10-Apr-13	Final transmission routes have been presented in the <i>Power Line and Road Summary for Wabagishik Rapids Hydroelectric Project (Vermillion River)</i> prepared by KBM Resources Group (July 2013).
It is recommended that in subsequent consultation between Sagamok and Xeneca that the two (access road) routes be prominently mapped for inspection by community resource users. It may make most sense to hold these sessions after Xeneca has completed the 2013 field work.	10-Apr-13	Final access routes have been presented in the <i>Power Line and Road Summary for Wabagishik Rapids Hydroelectric Project (Vermillion River)</i> prepared by KBM Resources Group (July 2013).
It is recommended that the ER and associated documents be updated to reflect that Xeneca will undertake the Project according to [the Ontario Waterpower Association] Best Management Practices.	10-Apr-13	The Ontario Waterpower Association Best Management Practices guidelines will be integrated into the documentation prepared in support of permitting applications and adhered to through construction.

Under Fish Habitat in Table 5 (no page number) of the ER it is indicated that the Construction Management Plan will be revised. It is recommended that that Plan be revised based on the Final ER and all subsequent permits and approvals work including additional studies.	10-Apr-13	The recommendation is appreciated. The construction management plan used at the time of construction will include all mitigation, monitoring and constraints developed as part of the final ER. It should also be noted that the Construction Management Plan will be updated and shared with agencies for future permitting discussions.
Assuming Xeneca, MNR and DFO come to an agreement on where suitable replacement (spawning) habitat will be put it is recommended that post-construction monitoring be required to ensure the fish are actually using the new habitat.	10-Apr-13	A proposed habitat compensation plan has been provided for review and comment in the final ER. This plan includes a monitoring component to measure success of the plan. Further information can be found in the Wabageshik Rapids Hydroelectric Generating Station Project Preliminary Fish Habitat Compensation Plan (July 2013) prepared by NRSI located in Annex III.
Xeneca should include an assessment of impingement and entrainment as part of this review and discuss potential mitigation strategies that use current fish protection systems and methodologies given the concern with Lake Sturgeon. Xeneca should feel free to discuss the costs and benefits of such mitigations.	10-Apr-13	More information can be found in the in Section 6.6 of the updated Wabageshik Rapids Hydroelectric Generating Station Project: Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report (July 2013) prepared by NRSI (Annex III) which has been updated from the previous version. This matter was discussed with the MNR and turbines with blade designs which prevent entrainment and impingement will be utilized. Monitoring will occur post construction and should it find that mitigation measures are not effective the intake will be further modified to prevent or reduce entrainment and impingement including provision lighting, electrical barriers, air bubbling and sound barriers.
Xeneca should be more cautious in their statement that it is unlikely that Lake Sturgeon can ascend Wabageshik Rapids during the elevated flows of a typical spring based on swimming speed data presented. As mentioned above, these lab based speed information may not reflect true performance of fish in the field based on US evidence. Furthermore, Lake Sturgeon can possibly pass through the rapids during the summer when the velocities are reduced.	10-Apr-13	The detailed work done on the system found that there are no lake sturgeon present above Wabageshik Rapids, therefore there is no risk of impingement. Furthered the use of low mortality turbines in order to reduce impingement on the system has been approved by the MNR. Monitoring will occur post construction in order to ensure that mitigation measures are effective. Should impingement be found to be occurring of any fish species, further mitigation will occur including provision lighting, electrical barriers, air bubbling and sound barriers.
Xeneca should also be more cautious in their statement that "installation of a dam that lacks provision for fish passage will not adversely affect the management of fisheries resources." This may not be correct if a species is migratory based on recent findings with American eel (Hitt et al. 2012).	10-Apr-13	There was no evidence that lake sturgeon currently migrate above Wabageshik Rapids in the baseline studies performed at the Project site. Based on this information the construction and operation of the Project is being completed for those species identified.

The least environmental impact would occur during the more natural run-of-river operating mode. The proposed plan by Xeneca suggests that the facility will use the modified "run-of-river" operating mode most of the time. However, it should be recognized that intermittent peaking is likely very important to the economic feasibility of the Project.	10-Apr-13	The facility will generally operate in modified peaking mode, however the operations plan identifies several periods of the year during which run of river operations will be undertaken to mitigate effects (ie. upon fish spawning). The operations plan can be found in Annex 1.
It is recommended that additional sampling for total and methyl mercury be completed as soon as possible to establish a useful baseline.	10-Apr-13	Baseline data for Methyl Mercury was collected as part of the water quality monitoring program. The methodology for which is described in section 4 of the Wabageshik Rapids Baseline Water Quality and Fish Report prepared by Hutchison Environmental Services Ltd in June 2013. (Annex IV) This sampling was completed in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's water quality guidelines. Baseline years include 2012 and 2013. Additional pre-construction baseline data will be conducted in 2013; post development monitoring will include methyl mercury.
It would be expected that a site-specific erosion and sedimentation control plan would be developed following the EA but prior to the initiation of construction.	10-Apr-13	A study was commissioned in spring 2013 to assess erosion and sedimentation this study will inform the development of a site specific erosion and sedimentation control plan during the detailed design phase of the Project. Further information can be found in the Vermilion River Hydroelectric Project Geomorphic Assessment Wabageshik Rapids (June 2013) report prepared by Parish geomorphic. (Annex I, Section 5).
Xeneca has committed to a three year surface water quality sampling program subsequent to the facility being commissioned (p. 139). Methyl mercury sampling in water should also be included as one of the parameters measured at multiple sampling locations.	10-Apr-13	Methyl mercury sampling in water measured at multiple sampling locations is a part of the post development sampling program. Samples will be collected upstream of the facility, within the impoundment and downstream of the facility. Further information on sampling locations can be found in section 4 of the Wabageshik Rapids Baseline Water Quality and Fish Report prepared by Hutchison Environmental Services Ltd in June 2013. (Annex IV).
It appears that no site specific geotechnical or soil information was collected.	10-Apr-13	Seismic geophysical investigation of the project site was done in late 2012, which provides sufficient information about bedrock profile and overburden thickness. Further geotechnical investigation including drilling and other test will be completed before the detailed design of the project.
With respect to vegetation no significant vegetation species were identified and a detailed plant list is provided in Appendix V of the NRSI Report. It is possible that Sagamok or other First Nation members may use the area for local plant collection. Sagamok could request from Xeneca their entire plant list for two basic forest types to see if there are any plants of concern to community members.	10-Apr-13	The list is provided in the Appendix V of the NRSI Report which was provided for the community to review. This list can be found in the Final ER in Annex III (Appendices) .

The ER report and supporting documentation seems incomplete. Therefore it would be preferable to complete the turtle survey prior to the completion of the final Environment Report.	10-Apr-13	The ER Report has been updated to include more complete information. A turtle survey was completed in May and June 2013. It found presence of painted and snapping turtles in the study area, however targeted surveys for Blanding's turtles did not result in any individuals. Mitigation measures for these species can be found in Table 11 of the <i>Wabageshik Baseline Environmental Conditions for Road Options</i> prepared by Northern Bioscience in June 2013 located in Annex VI .
The selection of the preferred transmission route and road option may be something that is of interest to Sagamok members whether it be from the perspective of allowing for or discouraging access. It is recommended that Sagamok request from Xeneca field visit tours of the transmission line and roads options.	10-Apr-13	The preferred transmission and access route options will be selected in the detailed design phase of the project. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on the proposed routes during the EA consultation period, however should the aboriginal communities wish to provide input on the selection of the preferred routing, they should do so during the detailed design phase of the Project.
It [is] necessary for the archaeologist to clearly define the eastern perimeter of the Belmer site so it is not impacted by Project construction.	10-Apr-13	The eastern perimeter of the Belmer site has been clearly defined and an avoidance strategy has been proposed in the ER in order to preventing construction personnel from entering the site. An avoidance strategy letter has been submitted to MTCS showing the fences during construction and the rationale of no impacts to the Belmer site. This avoidance strategy can be found in Annex V .
Given the Belmer Site's close proximity to the River it is recommended that Xeneca provide a presentation to Sagamok FN on how the site can and would be protected from any impacts associated with the Project. This should include representation from both Xeneca and the consulting archaeologist Luke DellaBona. In reality this recommendation was essentially mandated by the Stage 2 report and by the MTCS in terms of consultation requirements.	10-Apr-13	On June 20th, 2013 Xeneca toured the site with representatives from the EA Peer review group in order to examine the site and to provide information on the Project layout and to provide information on the setback provisions in reference to the Belmer site.
It should also be noted that it is likely stage 2 work has not been completed on the road and transmission corridors proposed for the Project, therefore this work is still required. Sagamok should obtain clarity from Xeneca about when this work will occur.	10-Apr-13	Archaeological work was completed on the lines and roads in July 2013. This work was submitted to MTCS for review. This report can be found in Annex V .
There is no documentation that Xeneca or Woodland Heritage has asked Sagamok if there may be identified native values in or near the site.	10-Apr-13	Xeneca inquired with regards to Aboriginal heritage and native values at the project site in informal meetings.
Its not clear whether the whole Project is \$17 million or whether the expenditure in Ontario is \$17 million.	10-Apr-13	27 million total, 8.5 million is Ontario only. This figure has been updated in the ER text as well.

In the draft ER Xeneca has indicated that local operators could be contacted to handle the forest harvest and brush clearing. This may be a contract Sagamok may wish to pursue. Sagamok may wish to make a request to Xeneca that the non-merchantable timber be made available for community fuel wood purposes or non-timber forest products.	10-Apr-13	Xeneca will work with aboriginal groups in order to identify job opportunities during the construction and operation periods.
It is recommended that the workforce not be allowed to fish and hunt at the site during the duration of the Project. It is also recommended that they are not allowed to bring and/or utilize ATVs and snowmobiles in the area.	10-Apr-13	Workers at the camp will not be permitted to hunt and fish. ATV and snowmobile use may be required on site but will be minimized to reduce noise impacts and will not be used for recreational purposes. This requirement will be included in the contract scope of work.
No drawings or maps have been provided that outline the area where public access will be prevented. It is therefore recommended that Sagamok request from Xeneca where public access will not be allowed	10-Apr-13	Presently there are no plans to have restrict access to the area permanently with the exception to the area surrounding the powerhouse. During the construction period access will be restricted temporarily on a rotating basis depending on the construction phase. Public input will inform the ongoing management of public access to the surrounding areas.
Should the project move forward it is recommended that Sagamok and Xeneca work together on where public access restrictions would occur.		Presently there are no plans to have restrict access to the area permanently with the exception to the area surrounding the powerhouse. During the construction period access will be restricted temporarily on a rotating basis depending on the construction phase. Input from Sagamok is welcome in helping to inform the ongoing management of the access to the surrounding areas.
It is recommended that [chapter 8 of draft ER listing monitoring and follow up programs] be updated at the time of completion of the final ER to include [everything].	10-Apr-13	Considerable effort has been placed in updating these documents with review and input from MNR and DFO.
The ER in table 5 under Erosion and Sedimentation identifies a mitigation measure to be the "planting of vegetative cover will then follow in the next growing season." The planting of vegetation is intended to promote the stability of the soils and avoid erosion and sedimentation. It is recommended that only native plants be used. The vegetative cover could also involve small tree plant in the area. MNR may be able to suggest a seeding mix which it typically uses for restoring landing areas and old road beds.	10-Apr-13	This comment has been noted. It is intended that all restorative replanting will utilized native plantings and be completed under district MNR advisement and following SFL and Aboriginal community discussions.
The draft ER in Table 5 also under Erosion and Sedimentation indicates a possible commitment with respect to the monitoring of erosion in Years 1 and 3 following construction. It should be indicated whether these are firm commitments.	10-Apr-13	Xeneca understands that commitments made with regards to mitigation and monitoring in the ER are binding, and therefore any reference to monitoring, such as in Table 5 for Erosion and Sedimentation are firm.

While it is not likely that workers will be accommodated at the site itself, Xeneca should make a commitment that the workers associated with the Project will not be housed in temporary accommodations at the GS site during construction.	10-Apr-13	There will be no on site construction camp, all workers will be housed off-site and bused in daily.
Xeneca should include an assessment of impingement and entrainment as part of this review and discuss potential mitigation strategies that use current fish protection systems and methodologies given the concern with Lake Sturgeon.		more information can be found in the in Section 6.6 of the updated Wabageshik Rapids Hydroelectric Generating Station Project: Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report (July 2013) prepared by NRSI (Annex III) which has been updated from the previous version. This matter was discussed with the MNR and turbines with blade designs which prevent entrainment and impingement will be utilized. Monitoring will occur post construction and should it find that mitigation measures are not effective, the intake will be further modified to prevent or reduce entrainment and impingement including provision lighting, electrical barriers, air bubbling and sound barriers. Lake Sturgeon were not considered in this assessment as they were not found to be present on the site.
The Belmer site avoidance plan was not included in the draft EA package and needs to be sent to the First Nations.	24-Apr-13	Avoidance plan was sent out to the First Nations on July 15, 2013.
A question was asked about the fence and locations.	24-Apr-13	There will be some temporary construction fencing located on the Project site in order to minimize hazards to the natural environment and to the public during construction activities. There will also be some fencing to protect natural features such as the culturally significant Belmer site. These fencing details can be found in the ER in Section 3.5 and in the Construction Management Plan in Annex II . Permanent fencing will be minimized at the Project site to allow for public access where possible. Fencing will only be used where required to protect the public from hazardous areas. Details of this can be found in the Construction Management Plan.
A question was asked about the existence of historical trails / portages.	24-Apr-13	Historical trails and portages were considered during the archaeological review, which can be found in Annex V .
When did the altered plans take effect compared to the archaeological study?	24-Apr-13	Xeneca decided to proceed with an avoidance plan instead of an Stage III archaeological Assessment in August of 2012. The final avoidance plan was prepared and reviewed by MTCS throughout late 2012 and early 2013.
First Nations need better maps to show all the information and greater details (e.g. navigation routes). The sites have other values as a natural setting to be shared with other people. Natural settings are vital and unobstructed passage (no fencing) to allow canoe portage is recommended. Opportunity and education about the natural environment is a high priority.	24-Apr-13	The final ER includes updated mapping which shows details with regards to the sites natural features and proposed structures. The Project Site will allow for existing canoe passage. A Portage route will be constructed as part of the effort to allow for unobstructed passage. This portage route is described in Part B, Section 1.5 of the Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan in Annex II . During construction there will be a temporary portage route, the final portage route will be more direct. These two routes are shown on diagrams in the Construction Sequence Drawings in the Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan: Annex II .

There is no comparison documenting First Nation values mapping and project plans (see presentation points). Trap lines is an example of values that can be examined.	24-Apr-13	A map was provided as an attachment to Xeneca's May 27, 2013 letter. Xeneca would also like to note that any known values mapping within 250 meters on either side of the route be considered an area of potential impact. If Xeneca becomes aware of these locations, Xeneca endeavored to avoid these sites and/or enter into further discussions if an impact could not be avoided.
Footprints in the area provide reason for the grandmothers & Water keepers to do a ceremony and ask the ancestors for guidance and a message.	24-Apr-13	Water keepers from Whitefish River First Nation visited the site on June 20, 2013 and performed the ceremony.
Xeneca is not looking at cumulative effects or fish passage.	24-Apr-13	Xeneca has considered and looked at the cumulative effect of inserting another dam into the Spanish/Vermillion system. The potential for cumulative effect exists because three dams already exist upstream and downstream of the proposed Project (i.e. the Nairn Dam on the Spanish River coming in from the north, the Lorne Falls Dam upstream of Wabagishik Lake on the Vermillion River and the Domtar Dam downstream of the Spanish/Vermillion confluence). Fish study information shows that the proposed Project site in Wabagishik Rapids is likely not passable by Sturgeon and no Sturgeon have been found upstream between the proposed Project site and the Lorne Falls dam. The study results suggest that the proposed project will not further fragment Sturgeon movement in the system. In addition and to address any questions about possible uncertainty related to the study results, Xeneca has committed to work with First Nation communities on a sturgeon restoration initiative for the area. The initiative is geared at improving the existing conditions for sturgeon, rather than mitigating specific project impacts (as none are anticipated). A possible Sturgeon fish hatchery is being discussed and Xeneca has committed to support this initiative if stakeholders wish to pursue it further. Detailed information on fish passage and study results can be found in Sections 6 and 7 of the ER report and Annex III. The study information suggests that the proposed Projects is not likely to have a significant cumulative effect on habitat fragmentation. However, to account for uncertainty in the interpretation of the results, Xeneca has committed to support a Walleye hatchery operation as proposed by a key stakeholder group. The hatchery will help address the existing condition of heavy fishing pressures on the prevailing Walleye population. In summary, the potential for cumulative effects resulting from habitat fragmentation was carefully assessed and addressed.
What are the capacities (MW) of the other projects?	24-Apr-13	Wabagishik is 3.2 MW. Upper Vermillion is 8.7 total (At Soo Crossing 4.0, Cascade Falls 4 – 4.3, McPherson 2.2 (discontinued)).
Are there any plants of interest/significance in the area?	24-Apr-13	The NRSI's effects report included a review of VECs and Species at Risk in the Project Area. Updated versions of this report can be found in Annex III.
Was there any involvement/discussion with the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Research Centre (A/OFRC)?	24-Apr-13	MNR (as partner to the A/OFRC) is aware of the study.

A case was made for sturgeon being able to navigate the rapids in the summer period. There are too many unknowns and Xeneca should take a conservative approach and consider that sturgeon could be there (Wabagishik Lake).	24-Apr-13	Xeneca has completed extensive studies on the Vermillion River in the proposed Project area in 2011 and 2012 which provided no incidence of Lake Sturgeon. Further information from the district MNR staff and anecdotal data collected during the study period indicate that there are no Lake Sturgeon in the area. Additionally lake sturgeon would find upstream movement difficult because of the steep channel and fast flows. Xeneca has offered to work with UCCMM and First Nation Communities on restoration initiatives for Lake Sturgeon downstream of the Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Site.
It is recommended that a larval drift study be undertaken.	24-Apr-13	In discussions with the First Nation communities, it was recognized that there was a weakness to the larval drift study and that the window to conduct this already passed by the time a scope of work could be put together. It was therefore recommended and agreed to by the First Nation communities that a larval drift study in 2013 would be of little value. Instead, Xeneca offered to conduct an extensive telemetry study recognizing that this would entail significant handling of the Lake Sturgeon population. While this was appreciated by the FNs, this was also not an approach which they wanted to undertake. Instead, discussions shifted to restoration and enhancing existing known habitat downstream.
A copy of the Operation Plan was requested.	24-Apr-13	This was provided to Sagamok directly on August 23, 2013.
There should be First Nation involvement in the review of the operations plan/report.	24-Apr-13	First Nations were provided with a copy of the Draft ER, including the operations plan report. Upon request of First Nations, an independent consultant was retained by the EA Peer Review Group to review the Draft ER and paid for by Xeneca. The review comments were then discussed among the parties. Questions and comments about various aspects of the Draft ER were discussed and followed up on. At this time, there does not appear to be any outstanding FN issue on the operations plan that Xeneca is aware of.
Can juvenile sturgeon navigate the rapids?	24-Apr-13	Xeneca has considered juvenile sturgeon navigation of the rapids in the Fish Study work completed and the potential for upstream passage appears limited. No sturgeon presence has been reported upstream and none was revealed in the fish studies. Hydraulic analysis in Wabagishik Rapids shows that flow velocities are too high most of the time for sturgeon passage to occur (i.e. some occasional passage might be conceivable but not likely given the absence of sturgeon upstream). Based on this information it seems extremely unlikely that juvenile sturgeon go upstream of Wabagishik Rapids. In addition and to address any questions about possible uncertainty related to the study results, Xeneca has committed to work with First Nation communities on a sturgeon restoration initiative for the area. The initiative is geared at improving the existing conditions for sturgeon downstream, rather than mitigating specific project impacts (as none are anticipated). A possible Sturgeon fish hatchery has been discussed and Xeneca has committed to support this initiative if the First Nation Communities wish to pursue it further. Further information on sturgeon can be found in Section 2.11.6 (Fishing), 7.1.3, and in Annex III.
When is the NO GO date?	24-Apr-13	October 15, 2015.
Issues with Walleye and Northern Pike.	24-Apr-13	Walleye and Northern Pike were surveyed extensively as part of the fisheries studies carried out at the Project Site, the results, impacts and mitigation strategies can be found in Annex III and in Section 7 of the report.

Why did NRSI chose small mouth bass instead of walleye for mercury tissue sampling? It was recommended to use walleye because of the retention. Is total inorganic mercury or methyl mercury being studied in water and in fish? First Nations suggested that Xeneca consider completing additional testing/sampling for baseline mercury conditions in the water, including both total and methyl mercury.	24-Apr-13	Fish species were of the size and species composition requested by the Ministry of the Environment and this methodology is described in section 4 of the Wabageshik Rapids Baseline Water Quality and Fish Report prepared by Hutchison Environmental Services Ltd in June 2013 (Annex IV) . Baseline years studied include 2012 and 2013.
A recommendation was made to measure small fish for future testing.	24-Apr-13	Fish species were of the size and species composition requested by the Ministry of the Environment and this methodology is described in section 4 of the Wabageshik Rapids Baseline Water Quality and Fish Report prepared by Hutchison Environmental Services Ltd in June 2013 (Annex IV) . Baseline years studied include 2012 and 2013.
It was recommended that Xeneca provide a large and detailed map showing the transmission lines / roads. Xeneca can send electronic maps (on CD) to communities who have GIS systems.	24-Apr-13	A map showing the potential routes that would be studied was provided as an attachment to Xeneca's May 27, 2013 letter.
Concerns were raised about the lack of a turtle survey (in particular, Blanding's as a species-at-risk).	24-Apr-13	The ER Report has been updated to include more complete information. A turtle survey was completed in May and June 2013, it found presence of painted and snapping turtles in the study area however targeted surveys for Blanding's turtles did not result in any individuals. Mitigation measures for these species can be found in Table 11 of the Wabageshik Baseline Environmental Conditions for Road Options prepared by Northern Bioscience in June 2013 (Annex VI) .

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Chief Patsy Corbiere
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution
26-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted Letter with Attach	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CCAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabagishik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca is prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabagishik ACP.	
27-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted letter	EA Administration	Providing introduction to Xeneca and the Waterpower Class EA. Identifying provincially identified communities and additional federally identified communities and organizations. Notification of federal process and the project within their area. Included documents to provide overview of stage in project development. Enclosures: Copies of Sagamok Letters - "24Jun10", "8Jul10", 6Sept10", "13Oct10", "25Oct10", 20Dec10", Media Ads for Wabagishik PICs, Stage I Archaeology summaries for Wabagishik Rapids.	
14-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introduction to Chief and Band Manager. Discuss community interest in project and information request. Xeneca will prepare a technical note on the project and send it to the community for their internal discussion.	
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul 26 Wabagishik ACP Ltr", "12Jul27 Wabagishik Intro Ltr", Wabagishik ACP July 2012 Revised.	
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Email with attachment	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project beginning August 17-31. Invite communities to share known values with archaeologist. Dean Asinewe will follow up to inquire about interest from members to participate.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabagishik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion. Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted Letter with Attach	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to recent correspondence sent to community, providing hard copy and electronic copy of Wabagishik Rapids Project Description. In event that changes or updates are made to project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to the community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted Letter with Attach	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabagishik Rapids project with intent to provide opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provides list of items included on the Electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCs). Panels from most recent PIC has been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, hard copy of PIC panels for Wabagishik Rapids project.	

31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck Omni Kaning	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about Wabagishik information package coming to the community.	
2-Nov-12	Aundeck Omni Kaning		Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss the upcoming First Nation group meeting in Sault Ste. Marie and explained that he or Chief Corbiere will attend.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabagishik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted letter with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabagishik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabagishik Rapids PD Rev Document.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul27 Wabagishik Intro Ltr", "12Nov5 FN Mgt Ltr", "12Nov9 Wabagishik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabagishik Draft ER" "12Sept5 Wabagishik PD Ltr".	
9-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted letter with Attachment	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for comment and review along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Omni-Kaning, Wikemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Shegandah's admin assistant, Sheba, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
17-Jun-13	Aundeck Omni Kaning	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave message to speak with Peter Nahwegahbow, Band Manager about participating at field trip.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation (Sucker Creek)	Posted letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	



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July 26, 2012

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Dear Chief Corbiere:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development Inc.
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Rick Reynan, Resources Liaison Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/ EA Coordinator, Ministry of the Environment
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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Dear Chief Corbiere:

Welcome to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the following proposed project:

- Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

The Ontario Water Power Class EA process began in 2010 however recent direction from Federal Authorities has included additional communities and organizations for Xeneca to consult with. On the Wabagishik Project, Federal Agencies have identified the following additional communities that are also to be consulted along side with the original provincially identified communities.

Provincially Identified Communities	Additional Federally Identified Communities and Organizations
Sagamok Anishnawbek	Wahnapiatae First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation	Serpent River First Nation
Whitefish Lake First Nation	Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (located at Point Grondine Indian Reserve No. 3)	M'Chigeeng First Nation
North Channel Métis Council	Sheguiandah First Nation
Sudbury Métis Council	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Métis Nation of Ontario	

The Federal process to identify consultation communities encompasses an extensive geographic area that captures a significant number of Aboriginal Communities and Councils. Xeneca appreciates that this delineation may inadvertently identify communities that do not have territorial interest in the project location or who wish to proceed on an information basis only. Xeneca respectfully requests confirmation of your community's interest in this project and the acceptance that we can begin consultation. Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations will be in contact with your community to initiate this dialogue.

Xeneca's Wabagishik Rapids Project is still within project development planning but will enter in to EA review shortly and the opportunity for your community to engage and identify any issues or concerns about the project is at the forefront of our concern.



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Xeneca's information package includes a compilation of notices and associated correspondence. These will provide background information on the project and Xeneca will commit to meeting with your community should this project fall within priority and your community's traditional territory.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for Wabagishik Rapids
- Stage I Archaeology Summaries for Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects and changes may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received. Please note, as the project development continues towards final design, changes occur and Xeneca's duty is to keep your community notified and to seek your input.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 and dassinewe@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's Vice President of Aboriginal Relations & General Counsel, Mr. Arnold Chan at achan@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

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From: F N
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:51 PM
To: Patsy Corbiere (corbierep@aokfn.com); Peter Nahwegahbow (nahwegahbowp@aokgn.com)
Cc: 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the Aundeck-omni-kaning Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Patsy Corbiere
Aundeck-omni-kaning First Nation
RR #1, Box 21
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Dear Chief Corbiere:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Patsy Corbiere
Aundeck-omni-kaning First Nation
RR #1, Box 21
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Dear Chief Corbiere:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Friday, November 9, 2012

Chief Patsy Corbiere
Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation
RR #1, Box 21
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Dear Chief Corbiere:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapiatae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabagishik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Chan', is written over a horizontal line.

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
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Little Current, Ontario
POP 1K0

Attn: Chief Patsy Corbiere

Dear Chief Corbiere:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Peter Nahwegabow, *Band Manager, Aundeck Omni Kaning FN*
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca*



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Aundeck Omni Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
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LITTLE CURRENT, Ontario
P0P 1K0

Attn: Chief Patsy Corbiere

Dear Chief Corbiere:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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M'Chigeeng First Nation

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Chief Joe Hare

Contact and Consultation Log

Contact		Issues				Resolution	
Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details		
25-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabagishik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to make changes that take communities considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabagishik ACP.		
27-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted letter	EA Administration	Providing introduction to Xeneca and the Waterpower Class EA. Identifying provincially identified communities and additional federally identified communities and organizations. Notification of federal process and the project within their area. Included documents to provide overview of stage in project development. Enclosures: Copies of Sagamok Letters - "24Jun10", "8Jul10", "6Sept10", "13Oct10", "25Oct10", "20Dec10", media ads for Wabagishik PICs, Stage I Archaeology summaries for Wabagishik Rapids.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email		Introduction. Information package sent to community. Want to follow up with email and phone call to determine level of interest on the project. Requesting contact name, email and phone number. Providing contact information for Dean Asinewe.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul 26 Wabagishik ACP Ltr", "12Jul27 Wabagishik Intro Ltr", Wabagishik ACP July 2012 Revised.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email with attachment	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on Wabagishik Rapids project beginning August 17-31. Invite communities to share known values with archaeologist. Dean Asinewe will follow up to inquire about interest from members to participate.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introductions and providing background on Xeneca and explain MNR Site Release Policy designations (Identified vs Local) and Federal consultation responsibilities. M'Chigeeng is interested in economic participation and will seek meeting date.		
16-Aug-12	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing overview of M'Chigeeng's understanding of Xeneca, its projects, and Xeneca's intent to make contact with community. Will get answer to inquiry soon. Requesting any technical information to share and will sign NDA in regards to this information. M'Chigeeng will want to know whether there is interest in partnering with M'Chigeeng on this project or any other project.	Providing further details surrounding Xeneca's projects, communities involved with Wabagishik Rapids project, and providing clarification of Xeneca's intent to inquire about M'Chigeeng's interest in the project and clarification of Dean's role within Xeneca. Will prepare technical briefing and will send to community. Look forward to meeting in near future.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabagishik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion. Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.		
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to recent correspondence sent to community, providing hard copy and electronic copy of Wabagishik Rapids Project Description. In event that changes or updates are made to project, a document outlining the changes will be sent to the community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.		

13-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to discuss MNR Site Policy and economic participation in the project.	
13-Sep-12	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have received information related to project. Information may be related to duty to consult and accommodate position of the First Nations - do not see the accommodation aspect in correspondence. Please advise.	Have forwarded message to Vice President Arnold Chan. Would community like to schedule a meeting with Xeneca to discuss Wabagishik project and M'Chigeeng interests?
03-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to phone calls placed to Art's office to inform him of Xeneca's support of the meeting with FN's listed on the project. Makes sense that joint invitation should come from UCCM or perhaps Chief Joe's Community. Providing elaboration on Xeneca's efforts to date to engage communities. Notification that Whitefish River FN is working with Xeneca to set up meeting and working with their protocols to build a relationship. Have yet to meet with Atikamekwish Anishnawbek, have meeting set up later this month with Wikwemikong. Xeneca has met several times with Sagamok and understand Chief Eshkakogan is also supportive of group meeting. Have been working to raise awareness of the group FN meeting. Would be happy to work with you to put agenda together and decide on date and location and can also put together the invitations to the meeting.	We are attempting to set up a meeting with other First Nations to discuss Xeneca. It is our understanding Xeneca is willing to cover meeting cost. What does Xeneca require from us?
15-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Inquiring about possibility of meeting all Chiefs at once for a mass meeting. Xeneca can do a presentation on Wabagishik, but the agenda should be developed cooperatively so that everyone's needs are met. It will be left up to Chiefs or their representatives to discuss issue of shared territory.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabagishik Rapids project with intention of providing an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provides list of items included on the electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCSS). Panels from most recent PIC have been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, hard copy of PIC panels for Wabagishik Rapids project.	
1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Darlene (reception) and advised to speak with Earl Debasige (capital projects / public works manager) and left voice mail to introduce myself and to notify of incoming information package and offer of assistance to review material.	

5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabagishik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
06-Nov-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Can you confirm meeting place for Sault Ste Marie meeting? Will there be lunch?	Here are those letters with the meeting details.
06-Nov-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for letter. What would assist the FNs further is the pro forma of project(s). Believe this was discussed at meeting with Whitefish River and would be sent over to Access Capital. Can you confirm this has been done - if not when will it be provided.	Have copied Arnold Chan as he is most familiar with how accurately the financials can be described on the Wabagishik project. Economic participation model will be part of Xeneca's presentation. Arnold can you provide a timeframe on when the information will flow to Access Capital.
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Financial Team is working on many of the issues that were raised by George during initial cut from one of the other projects. Are committed to forwarding an updated version with original one-page model.	
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabagishik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabagishik Rapids PD Rev Document.	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa-Kanling First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded, UCCM, Shesguindah First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting		Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabagishik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
15-Nov-12	Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Joe Hare of M'Chigeeng has requested OGT Law contact Xeneca re: proposed developments. Community would like to engage with Xeneca to determine the feasibility of entering partnership.	Thank you. As Xeneca's Liaison, pleased to bring forward your enquiry about confirming Xeneca's commitments to work with the communities to Arnold Chan, VP Aboriginal Affairs and General Council, for his action.
16-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	It has been Xeneca's position that it is prepared to fund reasonable costs for consultation and accommodation for all of its projects. I wanted to clarify whether your firm's retainer extends to the UCCM participants, solely to M'Chigeeng First Nation (M'Chigeeng) or to some other combination of communities. Xeneca is facing the potential of funding each community individually, this may present challenges both procedurally (in terms of managing all of these communities) and substantively (as it relates to cost management). If M'Chigeeng is taking the lead on the economic / accommodation piece, then this is fine from Xeneca's perspective. If however, the scope of your retainer is solely for M'Chigeeng, we would appreciate knowing same. It would be our view that clarification on jurisdiction (which communities wish to participate) and seeking to manage the process would be a first step before getting too deep into an accommodation discussion.	

16-Nov-12	Othuis Kleer Townshend LLP	Othuis Kleer Townshend LLP	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request to get call arranged with all FNs who are or might be involved in this process and see if they want to proceed on a joint retainer. Once you know more precisely from Arnold which they are consult with Andrea Re: Workplan and budget done for other FN on that Xeneca file.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul127 Wabagishik Intro Ltr", "12Nov05 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov09 Wabagishik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabagishik Draft ER" "12Sept15 Wabagishik PD Ltr".	
20-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Othuis Kleer Townshend LLP	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Wahnapitae has expressed no interest. Difficult to gain formal expression of interest from Serpent River FN but the earliest indication is that the Vermilion projects are outside their territory. Will continue to seek formal statement of interest. Challenging to meet with Whitefish Lake FN Chief & Council and team for direction on how to proceed. Providing additional interested and supportive communities to firm.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
25-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	i have been speaking to Shegulandah's admin assistant, Sheba, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
18-Mar-13	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about Xeneca term sheet development that will include a proposed model for the partnership model.	
09-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	M'Chigeeng First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	



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July 26, 2012

Chief Joe Hare
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Dear Chief Hare:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermillion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development Inc.
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July 27, 2012

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Dear Chief Hare:

Welcome to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the following proposed project:

- Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

The Ontario Water Power Class EA process began in 2010 however recent direction from Federal Authorities has included additional communities and organizations for Xeneca to consult with. On the Wabagishik Project, Federal Agencies have identified the following additional communities that are also to be consulted along side with the original provincially identified communities.

Provincially Identified Communities	Additional Federally Identified Communities and Organizations
Sagamok Anishnawbek	Wahnapiatae First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation	Serpent River First Nation
Whitefish Lake First Nation	Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (located at Point Grondine Indian Reserve No. 3)	M'Chigeeng First Nation
North Channel Métis Council	Sheguiandah First Nation
Sudbury Métis Council	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Métis Nation of Ontario	

The Federal process to identify consultation communities encompasses an extensive geographic area that captures a significant number of Aboriginal Communities and Councils. Xeneca appreciates that this delineation may inadvertently identify communities that do not have territorial interest in the project location or who wish to proceed on an information basis only. Xeneca respectfully requests confirmation of your community's interest in this project and the acceptance that we can begin consultation. Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations will be in contact with your community to initiate this dialogue.

Xeneca's Wabagishik Rapids Project is still within project development planning but will enter in to EA review shortly and the opportunity for your community to engage and identify any issues or concerns about the project is at the forefront of our concern.



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Xeneca's information package includes a compilation of notices and associated correspondence. These will provide background information on the project and Xeneca will commit to meeting with your community should this project fall within priority and your community's traditional territory.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for Wabagishik Rapids
- Stage I Archaeology Summaries for Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects and changes may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received. Please note, as the project development continues towards final design, changes occur and Xeneca's duty is to keep your community notified and to seek your input.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 and dassinewe@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's Vice President of Aboriginal Relations & General Counsel, Mr. Arnold Chan at achan@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:24 PM
To: (Wesleym@mchigeeng.ca)
Cc: Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:50 PM
To: Joe Hare (joehare1@hotmail.com); 'grantt@mchigeeng.ca'; 'chiefadminofficer@mchigeeng.ca'; (WesleyM@mchigeeng.ca)
Cc: 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Tami Sugarman; Samantha Leavitt; Dean Assinewe; F N
Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the M'Chigeeng Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Samantha

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Joe Hare
M'Chigeeng First Nation
PO Box 333
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Dear Chief Hare:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Joe Hare
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M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Dear Chief Hare:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Friday, November 9, 2012

Chief Joe Hare
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Dear Chief Hare:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with M'Chigeeng First Nation to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapiatae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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M'Chiceeng, Ontario
POP 1G0

Attn: Chief Joe Hare

Dear Chief Hare:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan

Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Art Jacko, *Manager, Lands & Resources, UCCMM*
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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

M'Chigeeng First Nation (West Bay)
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Attn: Chief Joe Hare

Dear Chief Hare:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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Métis Nation of Ontario

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10-Jun-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN Community of Xeneca's projects within their area, requesting ongoing communication re: concerns/requests, and providing contact information for Xeneca.	
20-Jul-10	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing contact information for Melanie Paradis, Director of Lands, resources and consultation at Metis Nation of Ontario.	Thank you. Patrick Gillette will be informed on contact/ Inquiry Re: Packages sent to MNO.
29-Jul-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Outline of Metis communities for each project. Description of understanding of policy and procedures relating to the identified aboriginal communities and the conduct of business relationships.	
21-Sep-10	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MND putting together applications for Northern Partnership Fund and looking for letters of support. Would Xeneca like to provide letter of support?	I think so. Can we chat for more details?
22-Sep-10	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached e-mail with background information on current employment in energy program. Description of Northern Training Partnership Fund agreement. Please review document to see if changes needed from Xeneca's perspective.	Currently on the road. Will try to review today.
30-Sep-10	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Any luck on support letter?	Discussion re: letter of support, partnership with MNO. Re-drafted MNO letter. Clarification of concerns.
1-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter of support for Xeneca's 18 FIT contracts with the OPA. Appreciate Xeneca informing MNO of general plans and willingness to engage. Look forward to consultation.	
13-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	PIC invite.	
15-Oct-10	Metis Nation of Ontario	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Received invite for PIC's. Noticed language is "First Nation" not "First Nation & Metis" Please correct for future to avoid sensitivities with communities.	Thank you. Will pass along to staff.
25-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	PIC's will be rescheduled.	
27-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario, JTM Law	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca is pleased to participate in MNO's Employment in Energy project opportunity. Request for presentation from conference.	
8-Jan-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Consultation e-mail for MNO, can forward notices to Melanie and she will distribute. MNO gets information to leader at community level for review and consideration then MNO is told how they want to proceed. Website very helpful.	
10-Jan-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MNO looking for employers to enter partnership agreements to submit to Northern Training Partnership Fund. Hoping that Xeneca would amend letter in 4th paragraph to increase success of proposal that indicates that if the opportunity arises there may be an opportunity for work placement or internship.	Xeneca is not set up for work placements and internships as small firm. Field work done through contractors. Suggest Xeneca could work with contractors and retained professionals to find such placements. Letter amended to reflect that.
25-Jan-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing letter of support for the Northern Employment Opportunities in Green Energy project.	
25-Jan-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for update letter will send to ministry with proposal.	Original being mailed out with copy to Jan.
15-Feb-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would like to set up a few consultation meetings with Xeneca and the affected communities.	
15-Feb-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We sent information to Melanie Paradis earlier this year - looks like she followed through with the various councils and offices. Please follow up and we can continue our discussion regarding the request for consultation meetings.	

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29-Apr-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration	Please provide dates available to meet with communities in Bruce Mines.	Schedule is quite flexible, however other Xeneca staff are out of Toronto. Request to provide background information of projects in your region to prepare for meeting.	
9-May-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Many communities have received correspondence from MNR or Xeneca for projects on traditional territories. Instead of doing separate meetings, more efficient approach?	Agreeable. Can we call to discuss?	
9-May-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes, anytime before 3.	Great timing. Was about to send e-mail about setting up meeting to discuss Xeneca's material on portfolio bases and get assistance with regions.	
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements, hard copy of all PDs and a CD containing electronic copies of PDs.		
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Ontario Metis Aboriginal Association	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements, and a CD containing electronic copies of PDs.		
18-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting with Metis Nation of Ontario at 75 Sherbourne Street, Suite 222 Toronto, ON to discuss Xeneca's projects on portfolio basis. Consultation protocol discussion and distribution of information. Draft NDA provided for review and consideration.		
2-Jun-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email		Legal council has reviewed NDA and indicated no problems moving forward. Request to discuss the need of NDA.	Discussion re: types of information to be potentially shared with MNO and the clarification as to which documents would be deemed confidential, therefore requiring NDA with Xeneca & MNO.	
15-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	JTM Law	Email with Attachment		Further discussion re: NDA between MNO & Xeneca and indicating that agreement is non-binding.		
16-Jun-11	JTM Law	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment		Providing re-drafted NDA with minor changes. Proposed changes related to language preferences and corporate structure issues. If Xeneca is okay, please execute and send to MNO for countersignature. Once executed should bring people together for more detailed discussion on how Xeneca and MNO can structure business relationship.	Providing cleaned up copy to Patrick to sign and will send to Melanie. Discussion re: meeting with MNO and business to business exercise with further discussion about structuring relationship.	
16-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	JTM Law	Email with Attachment		Providing electronic copy of Mutual NDA executed by Patrick Gillette. Will send two executed copies to Melanie for execution by Mr. Lipinski.		
18-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing summary reports of Stage 1 Archeological studies.		

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18-Jul-11	JTM Law	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Emergency just popped up. Will be travelling to Yukon and back Friday. Can we reschedule? Open all next week.	Will check Patrick's schedule but only options available next week are Monday & Tuesday	
18-Jul-11	JTM Law	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Monday or Tuesday would work for me.		
18-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration	Requesting contact information for Sudbury Metis Council & North Channel Metis Council.		
19-Jul-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration	Providing contact information for North Channel Metis Council & Sudbury Metis Council. Providing Steven Sarasin's contact information for Sudbury office.	Thank you. Have had some contact with Steven. Most part been working with Melanie's office.	
27-Jul-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussions with Patrick & Arnold in past it has been mentioned that a single agreement to cover all 19 projects is preferable. This is achievable. Schedule meeting to discuss what it would look like and the roles with consultation to the affected communities.	Thank you. FYI Arnold on vacation.	
28-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Only gone for 3 days, not too far away. Set a time that works, schedule is pretty flexible over next several weeks.	Plan to be in Toronto 16th to 18th, if any of these days work.	
28-Jul-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Heading to AGA in Parry Sound those days and won't return until 23rd of August.	Returning from vacation this week, will check with colleagues, but available to meet 23rd or any other day that week.	
11-Aug-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email		How is 24th or 25th?	Will be in Kirkland Lake / Englehart on 23rd & 24th. Xeneca is moving office on 25th. Move meetings to office on 29th, will have more space and new office.	
11-Aug-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email		Touch base after move. Week of 29th is open and not concerned about it filling up quickly.	Aug 25th does not work.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing draft Aboriginal Consultation Plans in relation to Serpent River - Four Slide Falls, Serpent river - McCarthy Chutes and Vermillion - Wabagishik Rapids. Please review and direct questions/comments/concerns to Dean Asinewe.		
1-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will be in Toronto office Sept 19- 21. Any times open for meeting at new office?		
6-Sep-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Can do afternoon of 20th or morning of 21st.	Arnold, did you send MNO the follow up?	
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration	Xeneca has mailed a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan. Providing electronic copy of ACP and cover letter for your review.		
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario, JTM Law	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft MOU & whiteboard principles for business relationship between MNO & Xeneca. Requesting whether MNO would like to provide letter of support for Xeneca's aboriginal consultation process and approach in general. Please advise, would be very much appreciated.		
20-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing new office address and parking information for meeting at 1pm.		
20-Sep-11	Metis Nation Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA consultation protocol, planning for 3 Regional Meetings - discuss provincial elections, discuss business opportunities. Will begin planning for regional meetings, provide letter of support and will set up meeting to plan these regional meetings & maintain communication & project updates.		

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12-Oct-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca will be hosting two PICs as follow-ups to the events of last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to the Metis communities to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers and Wabagishik projects. Newspaper ads are attached.		
13-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email		Will be in Toronto office Sept 25 & 26 available to meet. We can touch base by phone or email too.		
14-Oct-11	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	On way to Kenora for meetings. 26th looks good. Will bring one or two staff members to start working on logistics and getting community meetings coordinated.	Wednesday works, will coordinate internally who will be joining.	
29-Nov-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	In office next week to meet to continue discussion re: regional workshops. Please advise.	Do you have dates in mind? We're all over the place with our scheduling, so it's best if you recommend a few and we can try to slot them in.	
30-Nov-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Arnold and I can do some calendar work, but if there's some events/dates that our forums could take advantage of we would be interested in working with these too.		
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing updated Project Description for Wabagishik Rapids for community review. Letter includes a summary of what is found in the Project Description.		
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabagishik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Assinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.		
20-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Still working on dates for the information sessions. Any events or gatherings in future Xeneca should aim for? Is there a good time to call?		
23-Jan-12	JTM Law	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry for delay in response. MVDF has CEO Steven Morse. Wanted to set up meeting with Arnold & Patrick, Melanie, myself (Jason), and him to pick up from previous discussions. Proposing dates: Feb 8, Feb 13, Feb 15.	Dates work for Arnold, will confirm Patrick's availability. Please advise whether preferable to meet at MNO offices or Xeneca.	
24-Feb-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca's board meeting has not been confirmed for March 1st. What time did you want to have the meeting? - Still potential risk of cancellation but will advise with any new information as it comes available. Plan to proceed with Thursday with provision of possible reschedule. Please advise time.		
24-Feb-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Availability for later following week? Next week's schedule is tight.	Sure following week should be better - Humera can speak to Patrick's schedule. Humera confirmed Patrick's schedule - Available March 5th, 7th & 9th.	
29-Feb-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Apologies, boardroom booked morning of March 9th and required to attend this meeting. Available for afternoon of March 9th? 1pm.	Updated calendar to reflect changes - see you next week.	
29-Feb-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: participating at next week's meeting and future meeting about regional info sessions.		
7-Mar-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry missed call. Required at meeting with MNR Friday - won't be joining Jason & Steven.	You will be missed at Friday meeting. Agreeable for call to brainstorm logistics of setting up info session in regions. Earlier discussion agreed working sessions into regional gatherings would work best & if there are upcoming dates and times, would like to scope them out.	

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8-Mar-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Was thinking around May - Patrick may be unavailable but Mark, Dean & Arnold can handle regional sessions.		
9-Mar-12	Metis Nation Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss investment opportunities and various structure to invest. MNO will go back to their board and debrief them on Xeneca discussion		Can organize something that works for all- just have to make sure it is done before some projects get too deep into process.
12-Mar-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	This week open for call - no events planned anywhere April / May - Low season as government funding runs dry. Any session arranged will be solely Xeneca sessions.		
12-Mar-12	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for information about low season. Arnold is in and out of office - raises good point about timing of projects. Back in office Monday, could be available Tuesday (next week) if agreeable.		All staff down next week for fiscal year end meetings. Final week of March could work - No problem waiting until April if Xeneca doesn't mind.
4-May-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion re: scheduling meeting and community meetings with various local communities. Xeneca offered opportunities last year which were unavoidably delayed. Would like to work with upcoming opportunities. Would like to schedule and make arrangement so its booked in calendars and fits well with planned community events for various local Metis communities. Requesting election date.		
12-Jun-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call to find out who is replacing Melanie Paradis as the new director. MNO notified Xeneca that position has not yet been filled.		
12-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for contact for future correspondence and setting up regional information centers.		
18-Jun-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Contact for future communications re: Xeneca projects. Brian Tucker, replacing Melanie Paradis as Acting Director until permanent placement is found.		Thank you. Arnold Chan & Dean Assinewe would like to arrange introductions and continue to work on consultations at regional scale with members.
3-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introductions and discuss strategy to consult with Metis Councils in regional forums. Brian will set up a meeting in Toronto to discuss the consultation and introduce the new full time director.		
3-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion re: setting up meeting. Providing map with projects and update re: where discussions were with Melanie Re: sharing information with Metis Nation.		
3-Jul-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Will certainly continue dialogue that was taking place with Melanie to work toward finding a method of engaging the communities. Copied Felix Homes, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch.		Any dates coming up for Arnold & Dean to meet new director?
12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Providing notification of and invitation to Wabagishik Rapids PIC being held July 25th in Espanola. Notification of Xeneca's willingness to host community meeting if community prefers. Enclosure: PIC media advertisement FR & ENG.		

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16-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Planning for meeting with Arnold Chan and introduce to new director and managers.		
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabagishik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabagishik ACP.		
3-Aug-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	August 23 - 29th doesn't work because of AGA. If able to come to MNO Toronto office that would be great - Requesting specific dates.	Vacation dates - Otherwise happy to meet - looking forward to meeting.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email with Attachment	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Nanhoos Permit Ltr, 12Jul25 Kap Surgeon Ltr, 12Jul23 Wabagishik ACP ltr, 12Jul24 Marter ACP Ltr, Marter ACP July2012, Wabagishik ACP 2012 Revised.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Archaeological studies on Wabagishik Rapids project on Vermilion River will resume between dates of August 17 - 31. Invite communities to share knowledge and participate in field work. Dean Assinewe will be in touch with community to inquire about participation and to discuss scheduling arrangements and additional details.		
4-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing a brief introduction on voice mail and left message to continue dialogue about planning future regional information forums.		
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email		Request for availability for September to meet in Toronto. Requesting new directors contact information - would like to call and introduce self.		
5-Sep-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email		New director of LRC, Mark Bowler - providing contact information. He has been copied on email so he knows to expect a call. Will discuss a time that might work to meet in Toronto with Mark.	Thank you, will call Mark soon.	
5-Sep-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email		Got your message - Requesting Dean recommend time for proposed meeting.	Will work with Arnold on dates and time and get back to you soon.	
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email		Requesting availability for Sept 19 - 21 - Can travel to you or meet at Xeneca office.		
10-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email		Requesting availability for Sept 21 at MNO office.	Date seems fine.	
20-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email		Looking forward to seeing you. Arnold has another meeting and has to leave earlier. - If any in-depth conversation or planning takes place, Dean is available to stay longer.	Sounds good Dean.	

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21-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introductions to new director, Mark Bowler and his team. Discussion continued on planning for regional consultation committee meetings. The MNO explained time constraints and raised awareness about timing issues (regional bi-elections), MNO consultation protocols and procedures. Xeneca acknowledges the tight time frames and agreed to work with their staff to begin planning the meetings at the regional consultation committee locations. Xeneca will also address the issue of financial contribution and costs associated with the consultation committees.	
2-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	As was agreed during the September 21 meeting, I am sending a map outlining the locations and coordinates of Xeneca's projects.	
11-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message on Mark's voicemail and connected with Beth Honsberger, Consultation Intake Officer, to discuss need to set up information sessions/meetings. Beth mentioned the MNO Region 5 area is preparing for elections and there could be delays in meeting plans.	
19-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to continue planning for Timmins and Northern Lights Council meetings for regional projects.	
24-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Steve in GIS received the project coordinates for his system. Region 5 going through elections, prepare for December meeting, confirm dates and meeting costs. Andy Lefebvre will begin coordinating meetings (copy Mark and James on emails).	
25-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Continue planning with Sudbury Métis Council.	
26-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Did you hear back from the committee on a meeting date? Arnold Chan is looking to make the arrangement.	I have 2/4 consultation members who replied. Hopefully I will have a definite answer by mid-week.
26-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I put a call to Steven Sarrazin to initiate a similar meeting.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Draft EA Report for community review. Relevant PIC panels also included. Letter outlines content of CD sent with it.	
31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss planning for Region 5 information meeting. Notify Steven that Xeneca has sent out an information package with reports to the Sudbury Métis Council.	
31-Oct-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	One more confirmation required before a definite answer is reached. A few questions: 1) What time? 2) How long will we need? 3) Would you like me to book the venue?	
31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I don't think we need too much time. Two hours is probably sufficient.	
31-Oct-12	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Métis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Breakdown of how each MNO region corresponds to Xeneca's projects. Description of how meetings should be held and next steps.	Here you go Andy. James lays out a process here, let's talk tomorrow to see how to approach this.

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31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nations of Ontario, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	If possible, I would like to get 2 meetings done before Christmas and 2 after. Some of the projects listed in your email are not priority projects due mostly to issues related to economic viability and/or heavy stakeholder opposition. My intention is to provide a quick overview of these sites/issues in case the decision is made to revisit their development.
1-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	My calendar is open tomorrow, call me whenever to discuss the logistics of the meetings. Consider it done and approved from my end.
7-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	When do you think the CC can meet with Xeneca? Dean will be calling you shortly. Just waiting on Marcel to firm up he medical appts. I will talk to Dean as soon as I get possible dates.
7-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Andy's answer below. Thanks James. Hope all works out with Marcel.
7-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss the various regions and council representatives to plan a set of introductory meetings with the councils and coordinators. James recommends to give Andy Lefebvre a call to coordinate Region 3 meetings.
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	MNO	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	
15-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss meeting availability dates for December 2012.
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to MNO communities regarding Wabagishik, Wanatango, Marter and Kapuskasing projects.
20-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Determine that December 14 will meet and request to meet at 1-4 PM.
20-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Possible meeting dates in January.
22-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Region 3 Consultation Committee can meet with Xeneca the week of Jan 23 to Jan 26. I will be submitting a budget that will cover travel cost and accommodation and I will arrange a meeting venue.
22-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Those dates work for us. If possible, could we arrange the Region 5 meeting within that time frame as well? Let me also express my appreciation for all of your efforts in setting this up with Xeneca!
27-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have you made progress on your proposed meeting with Region 5 consultation committee? I'm looking to firm up the meeting date with the area CC as well as the meeting venue. I haven't heard back from James W. yet, but let's proceed with your date.
27-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting set for January 23, 2013. I will send invitations to the Committee, secure a venue and provide you with a budget for your approval. We can develop an agenda together. Lock in the date and I'll be happy to draft an agenda. I'm travelling today but I'll be able to call you tomorrow.
27-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Can you send any project descriptions that you may have at the ready? Having information ahead of time may make the meeting more productive.

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28-Nov-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have sent your dates to the Region 5 consultation committee. Their responses should come in shortly.		
28-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We are locked in for January 23rd with Region 3. Please do not book anything for January 26 as one of our team members has a prior commitment.		
28-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm unavailable from January 25-27.		
5-Dec-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Region 5 availabilities are coming in and have been narrowed down to January 9 or January 11. I will let you know as soon as I get 100% confirmation.	We can make that timeframe work with our team. Once you confirm with the committee can we have a phone call to go over logistics?	
7-Dec-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In preparation for the meeting, could you forward a copy of the Blanche River EA to Andy?	Certainly, I'll call Andy today. The quick and easy way is to set up DropBox.	
12-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry to be a bug, but have you heard from your team?	I have. The 11th looks good. We are looking at either 8am-11am or 1pm-4pm.	
12-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm locking that in with the Xeneca team. Any idea on location?	We will be meeting at the Sudbury office. A budget will follow as soon as I lock down the time.	
14-Dec-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have confirmation from the Consultation Committee that we are a go for January 11 at 8am. The meeting will be held at the Sudbury Metis Council boardroom. I'm currently putting together a budget.		
14-Dec-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing budget for upcoming meeting. My branch will make the hotel reservations.		
14-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	The budget has been approved.		
18-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Correspondence package RE: projects falling within Metis community jurisdiction. Includes Projects Description CDs, Baseline Report CDs, cover letters, PIC panels and draft environmental reports for Wabagishik, Marter, Wanatango, Kapuskasing and Ivanhoe.		
18-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Electronic copy of the correspondence package letter. Sorry we ran out of time to get it to you before your meeting today.		
8-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario		Phone	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	discuss upcoming meeting, budget amendments and agenda		
8-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing agenda for January meeting.	I'm available anytime.	
8-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Updated budget including issues spoken about over phone. Feel free to modify budget from previous email and resend it tomorrow.		
8-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Question about title of agenda: Mattawa/Lake Nipissing Traditional Territory Consultation Committee. Since we are discussing Wabagishik this time is it necessary to have the representatives from Mattawa/North Bay there?		

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8-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario, Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the call this morning. I made a small edit to the agenda, we need more time to discuss Wabagishik. We may only include a slide or two regarding the non-priority projects.			
9-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Explanation of the inclusion of North Bay/Mattawa Metis Committees in discussion of Wabagishik.		Thanks for the clarification.	
9-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please provide a cheque to the Sudbury Metis Council for the amount listed under item 6. As the local MNO chartered council administers the funds associated with the hall it would be preferred if they received a cheque directly from Xeneca. Invoice will be issued to Xeneca RE: hotel rooms.			
9-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Room will be booked for a full day starting with an 8am breakfast. Lunch will be provided and there is a projector. How many reps from Xeneca will be present? Do you require anything else for the meeting? An agenda should be discussed.		Thanks. There will only be 2 from Xeneca. I went through the agenda development with James Wagar and that could serve as a good template. Will send it this afternoon.	
11-Jan-13	Métis Nation of Ontario, Sudbury, North Bay, Mattawa Councils	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Aboriginal Community Considerations	See notes in file.			
11-Jan-13	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached meeting budget for January 23. Accommodation has been secured for 4 travelling members of the committee. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.		I'll book a room and meals for 8 of us. Here is another version of the draft agenda for your review.	
14-Jan-12	Metis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Agenda looks good. I will forward to Marcel. I've already booked a meeting room and meals.			
21-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing January 11 meeting notes with edits by Arnold Chan.			
28-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm putting together meeting notes and will be sending them for your review. There are some action items coming from them, which I'll get to work on ASAP.		Perfect.	
8-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have you had a chance to review the meeting notes? When can we advance with the MOU/protocol? Arnold and I had a good meeting with the Region 3 people and there was an expression of working together on a work plan/protocol as well. I'll be in Toronto Feb. 20-22 and could meet with you.		The committee is still reviewing the minutes. I will check in with them to seek their approval. My schedule is open Feb 20-22. Do you have a preference?	
8-Feb-13	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about reviewing meeting notes and setting up next meeting to advance MOU, protocols and TEK work.			
11-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Metis Nation of Ontario	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I still need to hear back from Arnold, but I propose 10am next Thursday at Xeneca's boardroom.		That works.	
21-Feb-13	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Teleconference	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss MOU development, sharing costs with Cliffs (Ring of Fire mining company), meeting costs, timelines, TEK study, Xeneca pressures to file EA Report. MNO letter of support, Region 4 (and formal reply re: Serpent projects, Riel Day and AGA sponsorship in Ottawa late August, discuss Voyageur Fund opportunities and investment. Discuss Stage III and mandatory consultation, other project updates, create list of action items.			

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20-Jun-13	Métis Nation of Ontario	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Beth Horsberger who advised to email Joanne regarding MNO annual general assembly, sponsorship and meeting with Region 3, 5, 6.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	MNO	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:		Wabageshik G.S.	
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):		Métis Nation of Ontario	
Date:		23-Sep-13	
Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record	
What are Xeneca's 10 priority projects?	21-Sep-12	Big Eddy, Marter Township, Wanatango, The Chute, Third Falls, Outlet Lake, Lapingam, Middle Township Buchanan, Near North Boundary (Known as Kapuskasing), Wabagishik Rapids.	
MNO is concerned about the speed at which Xeneca needs to work. Digital files can be sent using FTP sites. Bi-elections could affect the Vermillion projects because there is time needed to get the committees up to speed.	21-Sep-12	Xeneca will make electronic copies of its Final ER documents available on FTP sites. Hard Copies will be provided upon request.	
Concerns about Education, Training, and jobs.	21-Sep-12	At the appropriate time when the FN communities are prepared to discuss economic benefits on this project, Xeneca is prepared to incorporate into its Term Sheets and definitive legal agreements opportunities to benefit both in terms of equity in the projects, as well as contracting, jobs and initiatives to enhance capacity within the FN communities.	
What is Ecologo certification?	11-Jan-13	It is a fee based industry standard and auditing system. Xeneca is striving to achieve the Ecologo industry imposed standard.	
Who are Xeneca's Archaeologists?	11-Jan-13	Woodland Heritage Services.	
There are concerns about the archaeology studies and the details of the area and activity that are categorized as First Nation but could be high potential for Métis activity (Métis activity have been existing in the area since the 1600s). Concerns were also explained that archaeology guidelines were developed prior to the Powley Supreme Court of Canada decision. The MNO do not have an archaeologist but have a process to review reports. The MNO need to have confidence and comfort when dealing with developers in order to provide meaningful dialogue and review.	11-Jan-13	Archaeology reports were provided to the MNO for their review and comment, they were also provided to the individual community councils for their individual review. In undertaking the archaeological assessment when evidence of human history is encountered all available knowledge is used to ascribe meaning to that information and place it within the framework of Ontario's history. Xeneca's archaeologist's activities are not exclusive to First Nations or Colonial history of Ontario and are inclusive of all people who left a mark on Ontario's past including Métis. All fieldwork and reporting follows the Standards and Guidelines as prescribed by the Government of Ontario. If the Métis have concerns about the quality or standards of archaeology that exist in Ontario, they should voice those concerns to MTCs.	

Does Xeneca manage its developments on a project by project basis or does it bundle the efforts (consultation)?	11-Jan-13	Xeneca works with communities on a river system approach with the objective that attempts to fit with the traditional territories.
How many projects could be developed within the territory?	11-Jan-13	One project (Wabagishik) is proceeding at the present time on the Vermillion with three other projects being subject to review and revision.
What will the effect of water and ice fluctuations be on beaver populations?	11-Jan-13	The effects on beaver populations as a result of ice populations is expected to be negligible due to the large amount of suitable habitat in the Project area. Further discussions on this can be found in the (NRSI impacts report) located in Annex III.
A question was asked about Stage II fieldwork.	11-Jan-13	The Stage II work is completed, and found a culturally significant site known as the Belmer Site. The assessment and subsequent report recommended a Stage III assessment if avoidance wasn't possible. Xeneca decided move ahead with preparing an avoidance strategy for the Project Site which was reviewed and then approved by MTCS. Information on this avoidance strategy can be found in Annex VI.
Will there be fish passage for Walleye?	11-Jan-13	Fish passage is not contemplated at this site as passage is not required. There is suitable spawning habitat both above and below the proposed dam site, and therefore passage is not a requirement. Ecological and spawning-related issues have been thoroughly studied and discussed with agencies. Operational commitments are found in the Operation Plan located in Annex I that outlines how spawning will be maintained throughout post-construction operation. These commitments will ensure ecological integrity.
What is the height of the proposed structure?	11-Jan-13	The spillway crest of the proposed dam structure will rise approximately 6 meters above the current river level. On both river banks, the wing walls that tie the dam into the bedrock will rise an additional 2 meters.
Does Xeneca have any knowledge of historical portage routes at the location?	11-Jan-13	No evidence of historical portages was located, however a new portage route will be added as part of the project design. A Portage route will be constructed as part of the effort to allow for unobstructed passage. This portage route is described in Part B, Section 1.5 of the Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan . During construction there will be a temporary portage route, the final portage route will be more direct. These two routes are shown on diagrams in the Construction Sequence Drawings in the Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan: Appendix A . located in Annex II.
The project area is within an area of high use. The MNO has determined that a traditional knowledge study is necessary.	11-Jan-13	The current draft MOU being discussed with Aboriginal Communities, the discussion is about Xeneca contributing to a TK study process for the wider Vermillion watershed. We are still in negotiations on the exact details. To the extent specific site development aspects are relevant to traditional uses, the consultation appears to have addressed these matters adequately.



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June 10, 2010

Mr. Gary Lipinski
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Dear Mr. Lipinski:

By way of introduction, Xeneca Power Development ("Xeneca") is a leading, independent company created to develop environmentally responsible renewable energy projects. Under the recent *Green Energy Act* ("GEA"), the Government of Ontario is encouraging the development of renewable and cleaner forms of energy production to replace aging energy infrastructure and to eliminate dirty coal power. Under programs developed by the government, Xeneca was awarded Feed-in-Tariff contracts for 19 projects throughout Ontario, and has a further 14 projects that are currently in production reserve.

As President of Xeneca, we wish to enter into respectful and meaningful discussion with your Community about these projects that include:

Allen & Struthers – MNR site # 2DB13, 2DB14 on the Wanapitei River
Cascade Falls – MNR site # 2CF09 on the Vermillion River
At Soo Crossing – MNR site # 2CF11 on the Vermillion River
Wabageshik – MNR site # 2CF12 on the Vermillion River
McPherson Falls – MNR site # 2CF46, 2CF47 on the Vermillion River
Four Slide Falls – MNR site # 2CD14 on the Serpent River
McCarthy Chute – MNR site # 2CD15 on the Serpent River
Near North Boundary – MNR site # 4LF09 on the Kapuskasing River
Middle Twp. Buchan – MNR site # 4LF05 on the Kapuskasing River
Lapinagam Rapids – MNR site # 4LE03 on the Kapuskasing River
Outlet Kapuskasing Lake – MNR site # 4LE01 on the Kapuskasing River
Ivanhoe: Third Falls – MNR site # 4LC17 on the Ivanhoe River
Ivanhoe: The Chute – MNR site # 4LC18 on the Ivanhoe River
Wanatango Falls – MNR site # 4MD02 on the Frederick House River
Larder & Raven – MNR site # 2JC21, 2JC22 on the Larder River
Marter Twp. – MNR site # 2JC16, 2JC17 on the Blanche River
Big Eddy – MNR site # 2KB21 on the Petawawa River
Half Mile Rapids (at CFB Petawawa) on the Petawawa River

To address environmental concerns, Xeneca is preparing the necessary documents for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower projects ("Class EA"). Advancing to the Class EA in no way guarantees a project will be built but it does develop the information required for the issuance of permits and approvals. The Class EA will include draft project descriptions that Xeneca will forward to your Community in order to solicit initial comments. Hopefully, this will create a broader understanding of the projects and elicit comment and suggestions prior to wider regional consultation. Please advise what other information you require and Xeneca will do its best to address that need.

Xeneca will shortly engage in Class EA consultation, which will provide the Métis Community a full understanding of the environmental, cultural and socioeconomic issues; and provide the opportunity to engage Xeneca with comments and concerns on projects within Métis Traditional lands. Xeneca has contacted the various Federal and Provincial Ministries concerning Aboriginal consultation on our projects, but any assistance you can provide would be very much appreciated in isolating projects within Métis Traditional lands. If you have any issues or concerns you may wish to also contact the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure ("MEI") that is the "One Window" for this process.

The purpose of the Class EA is to also engage all levels of government, including the Métis Community, in this multi-year process (averages 18 months) so all issues of concern are addressed. If your Community has a preferred consultation policy please advise us of the means and manner in which you would like to proceed once the Crown has isolated the projects that affect your Traditional lands. Any insights you can provide in advance of the Crown process would be very much appreciated.

As these projects are in the very early stages, and we have only recently been enabled to share preliminary information and will continue to do so as it becomes available. Xeneca has begun the process of posting information to our website at www.xeneca.com. Information includes:

- Project information that is updated regularly.
- Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation and business practices.
- Outlines of, and links to, government programs that provide information and/or funding programs.

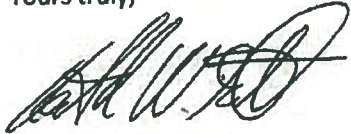
Additionally, the Crown, under a separate process for Projects on Crown lands, is determining Communities eligible for benefits under the GEA and Ministry of Natural Resource ("MNR") 2010 policy, and, once MNR has completed that process, they may be contacting your office. Please direct any queries to MNR District Offices local to the project sites and to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI). MEI is responsible under GEA for Aboriginal benefits related to FIT contracts. You may also want to review the various government programs related to FIT projects.

If Métis Communities are eligible for benefits, Xeneca will engage in a separate, parallel set of discussions that include partnerships or benefits sharing. Xeneca will be leveraging the Class EA process to provide the necessary due-diligence information to those Communities that engage in benefit or partnership discussions, and this will occur in parallel with the Class EA process. Xeneca can commence this process once MNR informs Xeneca of the Communities eligible for benefits and allows Xeneca to proceed.

The principals of the company have long been supporters of working closely with Aboriginal Peoples and have developed numerous relationships throughout Ontario. Xeneca is seeking your input and possible participation as we enter this five year process.

Thank you for your kind consideration and please direct your initial queries to Vanesa Enskaitis at venskaitis@xeneca.com or (416) 590-9362 ext. 104.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick W. Gillette', written in a cursive style.

Patrick W. Gillette
President and COO

cc: Chris Quirke, MEI

October 1, 2010

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Subject: Letter of Support

To Whom This May Concern:

On behalf of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Xeneca Power's decision to issue Notice of Commencement on eighteen of its Feed-in-Tariff contracts issued by the Ontario Power Authority.

We appreciate the effort made by Xeneca Power to work with the MNO by informing us of their general plans and demonstrating a willingness to engage with us in a timely fashion. The issuance of the Notice of Commencement provides the MNO an opportunity to further engage and ultimately consult with Xeneca Power in respect of its projects. While consultation is not complete, MNO is pleased with the positive relationship building we have developed with Xeneca and supports its efforts. We are also pleased that Xeneca Power is supporting initiatives such as the MNO's Employment in Energy Project, a project proposal before the Skills and Partnership Fund.

We believe that the Crown bears the constitutional obligation to promptly consult with the MNO in order to ensure that the honour of the Crown and the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate are fulfilled, in relation to these and other renewable energy project proposals. We look forward to hearing from the Crown as soon as possible in order to ensure meaningful consultation and accommodation can occur with the potentially affected rights-bearing Métis communities the MNO represents throughout the province.

Yours truly,



Doug Wilson
Chief Operating Officer

c.c. Gary Lipinski, President, Métis Nation of Ontario (via email)
Melanie Paradis, Director of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO (via email)

October 13, 2010

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Dear Mr. Lipinski,

RE: Invitation to Attend Public Information Centres

As promised in previous correspondence to your Community, Xeneca Power Development is writing to inform your Community that Public Information Centres (PICs) are being set up in your area with respect to the following waterpower developments:

- Lapinigam Rapids project on the Kapuskasing River
- Middle Twp Buchan project on the Kapuskasing River
- Near North Boundary project on the Kapuskasing River
- Outlet Kapuskasing Lake project on the Kapuskasing River
- Ivanhoe: The Chute project on the Ivanhoe River
- Ivanhoe: Third Falls project on the Ivanhoe River
- Wanatango Falls project on the Frederick House River
- Larder & Raven project on the Larder River
- Marter Twp project on the Blanche River
- Big Eddy project on the Petawawa River
- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River
- Four Slide Falls project on the Serpent River
- McCarthy Chute project on the Serpent River

As you may be aware, Xeneca has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the above noted projects. Public Information meetings are an important part of that process.

Xeneca Power Development Inc invites you to attend our Public Information Centres for each of proposed our projects, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the projects and provide your input to our project team. Please join us on the following dates:

Kapuskasing River Projects:

Monday, November 1st, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Kapuskasing Council Chambers
88 Riverside Drive, Kapuskasing

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Royal Canadian Legion
33 Legion Street, Chapleau

Ivanhoe River Projects:

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Foleyet Community Hall
25 Sherry Avenue, Foleyet

Frederick House River Project:

Tuesday, November 9th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Transfiguration Church
316 7th Avenue, Cochrane

Larder River & Blanche River Projects:

Wednesday, November 10th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Royal Canadian Legion
1 Summerhayes Avenue, Kirkland Lake

Thursday, November 11th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Englehart Community Hall
80 Seventh Avenue, Englehart

Petawawa River Project:

Tuesday, November 16th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Quality Inn & Suites
3119 –B Petawawa Boulevard, Petawawa

Wanapitei River Project:

Thursday, November 18th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Killarney Veteran`s Memorial Hall
52 Charles Street, Killarney

Vermillion River Projects:

Monday, November 22nd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Serpent River Projects:

Thursday, November 25th, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Hampton Inn

279 Highway 108 North, Elliot Lake

Your Community's participation in the PICs is greatly valued, as is First Nations engagement in archeological, environmental and social-economic aspects of the projects. Communities with interest in our projects need information so that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any future development is conducted in a way to provide an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Overall, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administrated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued through the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on potential impacts and viability for each of the projects. The Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as any additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

We will be posting information regarding our projects, access to information and government programs on our website at www.xeneca.com. Xeneca will also be working with the Aboriginal Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects Aboriginal treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and endeavors to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation throughout the development process.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or as designated member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

If there are questions or comments regarding the Public Information session, the undersigned can be contacted at any of the numbers listed on our letterhead. If there is an interest to participate in the archeological studies or additional Class EA components of the projects within your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison via phone at (705) 863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Holmes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

October 25, 2010

Mr. Gary Lipinski
President
Métis Nation of Ontario
500 Old St. Patrick Street, Unit 3
Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

Dear Mr. Lipinski,

Your Community will have recently received an October 13th notice and invitation to attend Public Information Centres (PICs) regarding our proposed waterpower developments:

- Lapinagam Rapids project on the Kapuskasing River
- Middle Twp Buchan project on the Kapuskasing River
- Near North Boundary project on the Kapuskasing River
- Outlet Kapuskasing Lake project on the Kapuskasing River
- Ivanhoe: The Chute project on the Ivanhoe River
- Ivanhoe: Third Falls project on the Ivanhoe River
- Wanatango Falls project on the Frederickhouse River
- Larder & Raven project on the Larder River
- Marter Twp project on the Blanche River
- Big Eddy project on the Petawawa River
- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River
- Four Slide Falls project on the Serpent River
- McCarthy Chute project on the Serpent River

Please be advised that Xeneca Power Development will be rescheduling the Public Information Centre to which your community has been invited. We fully expect to confirm dates as soon as possible and will provide advance notice. The change in meeting date will provide the necessary time to address government agency comments and further develop information related to our projects.

In the meantime, we continue to seek your Community's input on our projects, and we invite you to visit our website at www.xeneca.com for project information, updates and notices.

If you have questions please contact the undersigned, or Vanesa Enskaitis at any of the numbers provided in our letterhead.

We look forward to meeting the members of your Community in the coming weeks.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Holmes', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
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May 13, 2011

Ms. Melanie Paradis
Metis Nation of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M5A 2P9

Dear Ms. Paradis:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Allen & Struthers on the Wanapitei River
Cascade Falls on the Vermillion River
At Soo Crossing on the Vermillion River
Wabagishik on the Vermillion River
McPherson Falls on the Vermillion River
Four Slide Falls on the Serpent River
McCarthy Chute on the Serpent River
Near North Boundary on the Kapuskasing River
Middle Twp. Buchan on the Kapuskasing River
Lapinagam Rapids on the Kapuskasing River
Outlet Kapuskasing Lake on the Kapuskasing River
Ivanhoe: Third Falls on the Ivanhoe River
Ivanhoe: The Chute on the Ivanhoe River
Wanatango Falls on the Frederick House River
Larder & Raven on Larder Lake
Marter Twp. on the Blanche River
Big Eddy on the Petawawa River
Half Mile Rapids (at CFB Petawawa) on the Petawawa River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed a compilation of the following notices and past correspondence.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 10, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for the project on the Wanapitei River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the projects on the Petawawa River
- Two PIC Media Advertisements for the projects on the Ivanhoe River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the projects on the Kapuskasing River

- Two PIC Media Advertisements for the project on Larder Lake
- PIC Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the project on the Frederick House River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Big Eddy project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Big Eddy project
- December 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Big Eddy project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Ivanhoe River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Ivanhoe River
- December 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Ivanhoe River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Kapuskasing River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Kapuskasing River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Larder & Raven project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Larder & Raven project
- December 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Larder & Raven project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Marter Township project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Marter Township project
- December 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Marter Township project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Wanatango Falls project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Wanatango Falls project
- December 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the Wanatango Falls project
- A CD containing the digital copies of the Project Descriptions for the Xeneca Projects indicated above

Xeneca has provided these documents for your continued review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project(s) are greatly valued and appreciated.

As we prepare the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report") we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

Vanesa Enskaitis
Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-9362 X 104
F: 416-590-9955
E: venskaitis@xeneca.com

Enclosed is a draft Aboriginal Consultation Plan ("ACP") that outlines a starting point on how Xeneca wishes to engage during and after the submission of the EA Report, which will be also provided to the Crown. Overall the concept is to continue engagement to project Commissioning and thereafter if desired by the Community. As noted in the ACP there are many future opportunities after the EA Report to engage.

EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e., a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process) at this time the EA Report will be provided to the Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel that have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

Separate from the EA Report, Phase II – Phase III Archeological studies will commence in the field and staff will follow-up on Community engagement in this process and the need for further consultation. If your Community has been identified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as a Community that is entitled to benefits from the project, a project datasheet (is enclosed or will be sent). If the Community is unsure of its status please contact the local District MNR office. The datasheet is designed to outline a process to continue/commence engagement in benefit discussions and that the EA Report contributes to the due-diligence process. If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick W. Gillette
President/ COO
Xeneca Power Development

June 18, 2011

Melanie Paradis
Director of Lands, Resources and Consultation
Metis Nation of Ontario
75 Sherbourne St., Suite 222
Toronto, ON M5A 2P9

Dear Ms. Paradis:

RE: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Wanatango Project on the Frederick House River**
- **Larder and Raven on the Larder River**
- **Third Falls and The Chute Project on the Ivanhoe River**
- **Outlet Kapuskasing Lake, Middle Township Buchan, Near North Boundary, Lapinigam Rapids Projects on the Kapuskasing River**
- **Half Mile and Big Eddy Projects on the Petawawa River**
- **Allen & Struthers on the Wanapitei River**
- **Wabageshik on the Vermillion River**
- **Four Slide and McCarthy Chutes on the Serpent River**
- **Marter Township on the Blanche River**
- **Cascade Falls, McPherson Falls and At Soo Crossing on the Vermillion River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological And Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Of A Proposed Hydro Development On The Frederick House River, Mann Township, Cochrane District Ontario. F-000643-Wat-130-301. MNR Site #4md02.

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Third Falls Dam, Ivanhoe River Hydroelectric Project, Fit--2LDW1, Township of Belford, District of Timmins

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Chute Dam, Ivanhoe River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--N89BM, Township of Oates, District of Timmins

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Kapuskasing Lake Outlet Dam Hydroelectric Project, FIT--SLHZY, Township of Kapuskasing, District of Algoma

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Kapuskasing River -- Middle Township Buchan Hydroelectric Project, FIT--NAPF4, Buchan Township, District of Algoma

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Kapuskasing River -- Near North Boundary Cedar Rapids Hydroelectric Project, FIT--3HSJ8, Buchan Township, District of Algoma

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Lapinagam Rapids Dam Hydroelectric Project, FIT--MKQJL, Township of Buchan, District of Algoma

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological And Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Of A Proposed Hydro Development On The Larder River, McFadden Township, Timiskaming District Ontario. Fit-000657-Wat-130-301. MNR Site # 2jc21, 2jc22.

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Half Mile Rapids Petawawa River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--KQLWL, CFB Petawawa, Renfrew County

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Big Eddy, Petawawa River Hydroelectric Project, Fit--7PCDC, Township of Petawawa, Renfrew County

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabagishik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--G0BZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Four Slide Dam, Serpent River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--IZW4L, Township of Proctor, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed McCarthy Chute Dam, Serpent River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--16DFG, Township of Proctor, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, At Soo Crossing Hydroelectric Project, FIT--QW913, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Cascade Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--PVFYK, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, McPherson Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--ANIT2, Township of Creighton, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological And Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Of A Proposed Hydro Development On The Blanche River, Marter Township, Timiskaming District Ontario. Fit # F-000650-Wat-130-301. MNR Site #2jc16, 2jc17.

c.c. Jennifer Telford, District Planner, MNR Cochrane District
Tim Mutter, District Planner & Conservation Reserve Mgr. MNR Chapleau District
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Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
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Vicki Mitchell, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, MOE Eastern Region
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner / EA Coordinator, MOE
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Karen Blackbourn, Archaeological Resource Management Analyst, Parks Canada
Michelle Perry, Base Environment Officer, DND - CFB Petawawa
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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Amy Liu, Project Manager, CEAA
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Andy Lefebvre, Consultation and Community Relations Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario

August 18, 2011

Melanie Paradis
Director of Lands, Resources & Consultations
Métis Nation of Ontario
260 Alder Street, 2nd Floor
Sudbury, ON P3C 5P4

Dear Ms. Paradis:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Four Slide Falls & McCarthy Chute developments on the Serpent River
- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Gillette

President

Xeneca Power Development Inc.



CC. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Xeneca Power Development
Andy Lefebvre, Consultation and Community Relations Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario
Steven Sarrazin, Consultation Assessment Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario
Marty Blake, District Manager, MNR Sault Ste. Marie District
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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:58 AM
To: 'Melanie Paradis'; 'Andy Lefebvre'; 'Steven Sarrazin'
Cc: Dean Assinewe; F N; Reynen, Rick (MNR)
Subject: Please join us on October 19th & October 20th for Xeneca's PICs
Attachments: Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11 -French.pdf; Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11.pdf; Wabagishik PIC EA Review - 20Oct-French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC-EA Review - 20Oct.pdf

Hello Melanie,

Xeneca will be hosting two Public Information Centres (PICs) as a follow up to the previous events held Last January and last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to the Métis communities to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River and the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Xeneca will be holding these information centres on the following dates:

Allen & Struthers

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Alban Community Centre
Hwy 64, Alban

Wabageshik Rapids

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Drive, Espanola

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:29 AM
To: Samantha Leavitt
Subject: Please join us on October 19th for Xeneca's Allen & Struthers PIC

Hello ,

Xeneca will be hosting a Public Information Centre (PIC) as a follow up to the January 2011 event. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us on October 19th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Alban Community Centre to learn more about our proposed Allen & Struthers project within your area.

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com .

We look forward to seeing you on October 19th!

Yours truly,

Samantha

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December 13, 2011

Melanie Paradis
Métis Nation of Ontario
260 Alder Street
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Dear Ms. Paradis:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with the Métis Nation of Ontario to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

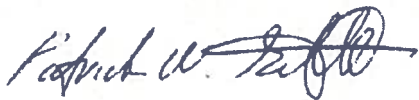
3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

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 Rick Reynen, Resources Liaison Officer, MNR Sudbury District
 Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner / EA Coordinator, MOE – Northern Region
 Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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Sarah Raymond

From: Samantha Leavitt
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:44 PM
To: Melanie Paradis (MelanieP@metisnation.org); 'Andy Lefebvre'; 'Steven Sarrazin'
Cc: Ed Tear (ed.tear@ontario.ca); Reynen, Rick (MNR); Bob Robinson (Bob.L.Robinson@ontario.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; F N
Subject: Updated Wabageshik Rapids Project Description
Attachments: 11Dec13 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr - MNO.pdf; Update of Wabageshik PD.pdf

Good afternoon,

Greetings for 2012 from all of the Xeneca staff.

In December 2011 Xeneca had made some revisions to the Wabageshik Rapids Project Description and had sent out a letter to your community on December 13th to provide further details surrounding these updates. Attached to this e-mail you will find an electronic copy sent to the Métis Nation of Ontario Community in addition to the document containing the changes as made to the previous Project Description for the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River.

Please feel free to provide any additional input or comment surrounding the project to our Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Dean Assinewe at dassinewe@xencea.com or by phone at (705) 863-1969.

Thank you for your time and all the best in 2012!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:26 PM
To: Brian Tucker (briant@metisnation.org)
Cc: F N; Samantha Leavitt
Subject: RE: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf

Apologies, attachments were missing on previous e-mail.

From: F N
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:22 PM
To: Brian Tucker (briant@metisnation.org)
Cc: 'Andy Lefebvre'; 'Steven Sarrazin'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Métis members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Métis Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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July 23, 2012

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426 Victoria Avenue
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

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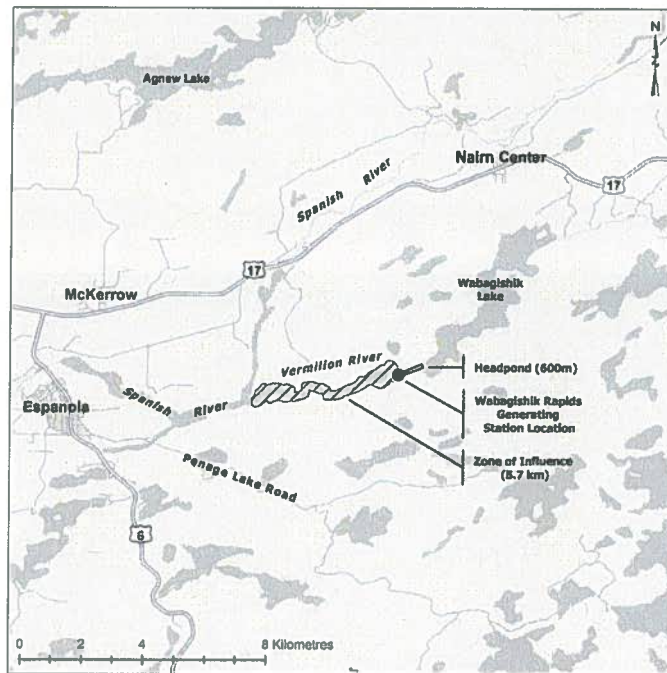
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Notice of Public Information Centre for the Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Development



Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend our final Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Wabagishik Rapids project, located on the Vermilion River west of the City of Sudbury and 600 m downstream of Wabagishik Lake. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>.

This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input. Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposals, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

Stephanie Hodsoll
Stakeholder Relations & Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-3077
F: 416-590-9955
E: shodsoll@xeneca.com

Please join us at the PIC:

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Dr., Espanola**

A further opportunity for public input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.



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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Mr. Mark Bowler
Director of Lands, Resources & Consultation
Métis Nation of Ontario
311-75 Sherbourne Street
Toronto, ON M5A 2P9

Dear Mr. Bowler:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:

- Annex I



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- Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- Annex II
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Annex III
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- Annex IV
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Annex V
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- Annex VI
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- Appendix A
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- Appendix B
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation
- Appendix C



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- Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.

Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.



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If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. Andy Lefebvre
Consultation & Community Relations Coordinator
Métis Nation of Ontario
347 Spruce Street South
Timmins, ON P4N 2N2

Dear Mr. Lefebvre:

Please find enclosed a correspondence package to provide background information on Xeneca's proposed projects which fall within the vicinity of a number of the Métis Community Council's regions. Within this package you will find the following:

- A CD containing electronic copies of the Project Descriptions for Xeneca's priority projects
- A CD containing electronic copies of the Baseline Reports for Xeneca's priority projects
- Copies of the cover letters, PIC panels & electronic CD's containing Reports / Draft Environmental Report's which were mailed out to the Métis Nation of Ontario office over the past 2 months for the following projects:
 - Wabagishik Rapids - Draft Environmental Report
 - Marter Twp - Draft Environmental Report
 - Wanatango Falls - Report Mail out
 - Kapuskasing River projects – Report Mail out
 - Ivanhoe River projects – Report Mail out

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Yours truly,

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Samantha Leavitt
Stakeholder Relations, Aboriginal Affairs
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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Metis Nation of Ontario
500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit 3
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 9G4

Attn: Mark Bowler, Director of Lands and Resources

Dear Mark:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. James Wagar, Supervisor, Lands & Resources, MNO
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
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North Channel Métis Council

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President Dan Belisle
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution
26-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	North Channel Métis Council	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining process applicant needs to follow, outlining the Applicant of Record process and identifying the local aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Indicating that Xeneca may forward information and requesting community to forward Sudbury district MNR any concerns re: proposed projects.	
18-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Posted Letter with Attachments	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing summary reports of Stage I Archaeological studies.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for Wabageshik Rapids & the Serpent River projects along with a description of its purpose and intent for review by the community.	
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intent for review by the community.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Notification of and invitation to attend the upcoming Allen & Struthers and Wabageshik PICs being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Assinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.	
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	North Channel Métis Council	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of desire to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	

Ministry of Natural Resources

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April 26, 2011

**Richard Bennett, President
North Channel Metis Council
759 Lakeshore Drive
Desbarats, ON
P0R 1E0**

SUBJECT: Non-Competitive Waterpower Site Release Application for Waterpower Development, Vermilion River, Outlet of Wabageshik Lake, Foster Township, Site 2CF12

Dear Richard Bennett:

Further to our letter of July 26, 2010 on the subject application, this letter is to advise of the proponent's, Xeneca Power Development Inc., decision to proceed further with the site release process for the proposed water power development at the subject location.

The Local Aboriginal Communities associated with this water power application are:

- Sudbury Metis Council
- North Channel Metis Council
- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
- Whitefish River First Nation

Applicant of Record is the completion of the Site Release process for a potential waterpower project. Applicant of Record grants the applicant the ability to pursue required approvals and permits through an Environmental Assessment for waterpower projects. There is no right, title, interest or tenure associated with Applicant of Record status. Applicant of Record has not been issued for this site.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has agreed to support a concurrent site release and Environmental Assessment process for this application. We have advised the applicant to include your community in their consultation efforts during the Environmental Assessment for this project. The Sudbury District would also like to know about any concerns you may have with the project, specifically whether you anticipate any impacts on your community or the ability to exercise your Aboriginal and/or treaty rights. The information received by the Sudbury District from Aboriginal communities may be

forwarded to the applicant for consideration during the Environmental Assessment process, and will be considered as the Sudbury District seeks to meet its consultation obligations with Aboriginal communities.

If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss your community's interest, please contact Bob Robinson, Project Lead at 705-564-7868 or Rick Reynen, Resource Liaison Officer at 705-564-7847.

Sincerely,

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Ed Tear
District Manager
Sudbury District

- c. **Patrick Gillette**, Xeneca
Rick Reynen, MNR Resource Liaison Officer, Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, MNR Project Lead, Sudbury District

July 18, 2011

Richard Bennett, President
North Channel Metis Council
759 Lakeshore Drive
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

Dear Richard Bennett:

Re: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River**
- **Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River**
- **Four Slide and McCarthy Chutes project on the Serpent River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

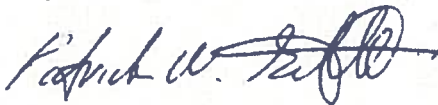
The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: **Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Four Slide Dam, Serpent River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--IZW4L, Township of Proctor, District of Sudbury**

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed McCarthy Chute Dam, Serpent River Hydroelectric Project, FIT--16DFG, Township of Proctor, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--G0BZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

**c.c. Dave Bell, Project Manager, CEAA
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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August 18, 2011

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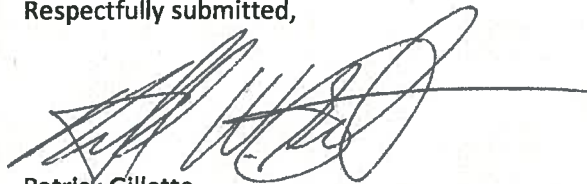
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Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Gillette
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Hello Dan,

Xeneca will be hosting two Public Information Centres (PICs) as a follow up to the previous events held Last January and last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River and the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Xeneca will be holding these information centres on the following dates:

Allen & Struthers

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Alban Community Centre
Hwy 64, Alban

Wabageshik Rapids

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Drive, Espanola

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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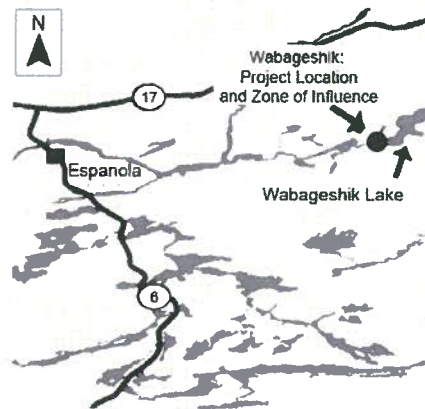
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Notice of Public Information Centre for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Project



After a successful public meeting in Espanola last spring, Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend another Public Information Centre for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids GS waterpower project on the Vermilion River. You will have the opportunity to see the final conceptual plan for the project and zone of influence, which will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment document. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to provide comment.

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For information on the project, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list please contact:

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December 13, 2011

Daniel Belisle, President
North Channel Métis Council
759 Lakeshore Drive
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

Dear Mr. Belisle:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with North Channel Métis Council to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

Electronic Copies sent to the following:

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Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:16:07 PM
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf
Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the North Channel Métis Council members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the North Channel Métis Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

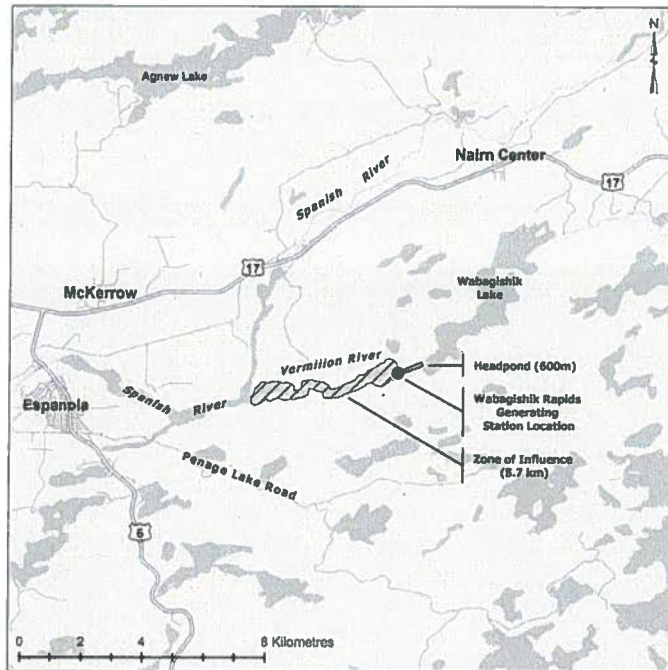
Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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Notice of Public Information Centre for the Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Development



Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend our final Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Wabagishik Rapids project, located on the Vermilion River west of the City of Sudbury and 600 m downstream of Wabagishik Lake. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>.

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You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposals, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Please join us at the PIC:

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Dr., Espanola**

A further opportunity for public input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report.

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Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids
Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:19:21 PM

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:42:48 PM

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the North Channel Métis Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Mr. Dan Belisle
North Channel Métis Council
759 Lakeshore Drive
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

Dear Mr. Belisle:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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- cc. Mark Bowler, Director of Lands, Resources and Consultation, Métis Nation of Ontario
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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

MNO North Channel Métis Council
9190 Hwy 17
Bruce Mines, Ontario
P0R 1C0

Attn: Lori Witty, President

Dear Ms Witty:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation or Métis community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. James Wagar, *Supervisor, Lands & Resources*, MNO
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison*, Xeneca



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

MNO North Channel Metis Council
9190 Hwy 17
Bruce Mines, Ontario
P0R 1C0

Attn: Lori Witty, President

Dear Ms Witty:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. James Wagar, Supervisor, Lands & Resources, MNO
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
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July 16, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

MNO North Channel Metis Council
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Bruce Mines, Ontario
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Attn: Lori Witty, President

Dear Ms Witty:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Wabagishik on the Vermilion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed the following notice along with the original project description, which may have been provided to you earlier. If this is a repeat of any previously submitted documentation, we apologize for the duplication.

- Notice of Commencement for projects on the Vermilion River
- Project Description for the Wabagishik Rapids project

Xeneca has provided this document for your review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project are greatly valued and appreciated.

As previously provided for, we have earlier submitted to you a copy of the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report"). If you have not already done so, we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

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EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e. a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process). At this time, the final EA Report will be provided to your Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Uwe Roeper", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Uwe Roeper
Chief Executive Officer

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cc. James Wagar, Supervisor, Lands & Resources, MNO

Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation

Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
Chief Paul Eshkolagan
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact Information				Issues	Details	Resolution
Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution
28 May-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up after meeting. Requesting contact name with Ministry of Finance dealing with Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program. Will call Mark Holmes next week and pick up discussion re: Xstrata, Vale Inc.	Providing suggested action items list for consideration by community. Outlining Vermilion FIT contract and estimation of funding issues prior to construction and discussion re: aboriginal loan guarantee. Further action items re: Chief approaching MNR about affected first nation community status. Providing contacts for dealing with Ontario Financing authority and OPA. Outlining next steps with Aus Sable projects, Spanish River and Xeneca's support re: FIT and additional waterpower related opportunities as they arise. Hopefully useful start, call with any questions.
15-Jun-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will review follow up suggestions with Chief. Have meeting with Ed Tear and Paul Bewick of Ontario Parks and will discuss issue of affected FN community status and possibilities for projects at Aus Sables. Have contacted Adrian & Marvin. Sagamok will be entering election period, no major decisions typically made and council activity minimal. Will be gathering information, strategy development and consider MOU in meantime. Specifically for Spanish river. Will Xeneca be involved with field review (aerial survey)?	Dean will be working with FN communities with Xeneca, important for community to understand programs and opportunities. MOU opens doors to funding. Suggest affected first Nation status for Vermilion as they have FIT contacts and eligible for funding. Discussing Sable and Spanish receiving contracts with MNR & OPA. Field review requires helicopter and boat trip.
15-Jun-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Agrees community understanding is foundation for moving forward. Good capacity and strong communication in community to allow this to happen. Discussion re: Vermilion FIT contract times and pressures and the Sables and Spanish River potential sites. Will discuss with chief so he has good understanding of all that is on the table for discussion.	Will work to community's schedule and priorities. Just throwing out suggestions. Dean will be up to speed and will manage a lot of these issues.
24-Jun-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN Community of Xeneca's projects within their area, requesting ongoing communication re: concerns/ requests, and providing contact information for Xeneca.	
30-Jun-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to meeting with Vale, summary of content of offer made by Vale & IBA content attached with commentary.	Double check attachment, some content missing.
30-Jun-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation		Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attachment corrected with explanation of mix-up. Meeting attendees noted in e-mail in addition to updated summary of meeting.	
8-Jul-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN community of Class EA process, government funding processes, intent for FN communications, and traditional knowledge studies.	

3-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up for set up of conference call re: Policy and Procedures.	
3-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Set up conference call re: Policy and Procedures.	
3-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting setup for Policy & Procedures.	
3-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up for meeting set up for Policy & Procedures.	
9-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	DA & PWG will be at Creffest. Further meeting set up for Policy Procedures.	
19-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Set up conference call for regulation discussion.	
20-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Providing NoC which appeared in the paper.	
20-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	NoC for Vermilion and Allen & Struthers - as per a phone call request.	
24-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to phone call to notify that Mark Holmes & Patrick Gillette will be coming to Sudbury for a site visit and you may join.	
24-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sept. 21 site visit set up & meeting invitation.	
24-Aug-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will not be able to meet up for site visit in September.	
24-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Re: site visit to McCarthy Chutes - it's in Serpent River FN territory & Sagamok agreed not to get too involved. If Chief Paul is available, he can go for "reconnaissance. Vice versa on Vermilion sites.	
25-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief is interested in the site visit to Serpent.	
25-Aug-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Date switch for site visit.	
16-Sep-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invite to participate in Archaeological Study.	
28-Sep-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sagamok/SFNF opportunities at McCarthy Chute.	
13-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Invitation to attend public information centers.	
20-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up for PIC & archaeological study.	

25-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update on Sudbury DM letter.	
25-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Notice of PIC rescheduling.	
04-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting		At the Dragonfly from 5:30pm - 8:00pm.	
8-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update from MNR meeting.	
12-Nov-10	Ministry of Natural Resources	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration	Letter outlined intent of MNR to work with Xeneca and all applicable Aboriginal communities to implement the Site Release process, encouraging Sagamok to engage with Xeneca to explore business opportunities. Outlines Sagamok as an Identified Aboriginal Community.	
22-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	EA Administration	Update on Vermilion & Serpent River projects.	
24-Nov-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing MNR letter identifying Sagamok as Aboriginal community for Vermilion river sites.	
25-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion about Vale and Xstrata relations with Sagamok & Xeneca. Informing community that Xeneca is neutral with who it involved as long as project moves forward. Interest of Xeneca is in good business relationship partners. Will call SSM district to chat as Xeneca is dealing with issue of facilitation for FN with projects.	
25-Nov-10	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will keep poking around Vale & Xstrata fronts. Agrees about company not wading too deeply in crown/FN processes, agreeable if government responsibility here to coordinate amongst FN. Have meeting scheduled with SSM MNR December 13th to discuss Serpent River sites. Very interested in how TBay FN negotiation goes.	Put call into SSM District, hoping to speak with Kim Mihell about knowledge on projects. Hopes to share outcome of meeting with them too.
26-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Vermilion & Serpent business relations.	
29-Nov-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Mark & Dean would like to meet to chat about projects on December 1st. Please confirm.	
01-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Patrick in town for PIC. Will inform him of travelling through area in afternoon to see if available.	

15-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MOU & SSM district meeting.	
20-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Wabageshik PD, McCarthy PD, Four Slide PD - invitation to attend coordination meeting.	
4-Jan-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MOU & WLEFN involvement.	
4-Jan-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MOU & WLEFN involvement.	
17-Jan-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Looked at both MOU versions and both are fine. Version provided cleaned up. Happy to sign either version.	
17-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. FN position clearer now after meetings. Will consult with Chief and Levi about MOU and will reflect current and evolving situations. What are critical dates to conclude MOU?	Thought to add line leaving open the possibilities without referencing directly. Agreeable?
18-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Yes, agreeable and will develop as latest version of MOU is reviewed.	Thought about it, let's reference directly. MNR sets rules and we follow their directive.
18-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Will rework MOU this week, will reference as MNR has identified Sagamok as identified aboriginal community. MOU reads as agreement, but understanding is Xeneca is interested in non-binding 'agreement' which is interpreted as MOU. Xeneca open to include provisions addressing consultation between FN & company?	I view the drafts as "agreements to talk some more". Purpose is to demonstrate moving forward together allowing Sagamok to approach OPA for funding under Aboriginal Renewable Energy Program. Agreeable for consultation into MOU.
18-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks. Clarifies Xeneca's intentions.	Spoke with Marvin Pelletier & mentioned potential concerns of FN communities with signing MOU. Added to draft the requirement of Xeneca providing information sheet, providing more information once non-disclosure agreements are signed and moving towards Term Sheet. Lays out process rather than open-ended. Discussion Re: Inclusion of Serpent River projects in draft MOU. Leaving sorting out the arrangements amongst the communities. We'll just add whatever Crown decides are projects eligible for benefits and sort out details on binding agreements.
22-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Draft of MOU. Discussion around purpose of MOU to set up discussing business arrangement, and contemplates arrangements may not be possible where parties can negotiate another type of agreement laying out FN participation in benefits.	Will get Patrick to take a look.
28-Jan-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Send MOU for review - continuing MOU development.	
01-Feb-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Next step forward is to sit and work through details. Will involve both Alex Ker, Levi Southwind from Sagamok & Dean and Arnold?	Happy to meet. Are you in town for meetings? Meet tomorrow if available.

8-Feb-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Next meeting MOU development.	Meeting dates set.
16-Feb-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Most convenient to arrange meeting at Xeneca March 10th at 1:30pm.	Perfect, see you then with thanks.
12-Mar-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Further revisions to MOU, cleaned everything up. Please review so Sagamok legal council can review for comment and suggestions.	
17-Mar-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Changes look great. Xeneca working with OPA to talk about Aboriginal Renewable Energy Fund and other challenges. Will keep Sagamok updated.	
17-Mar-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Definite interest in participating in OPA discussion/ meeting when arranged.	
28-Mar-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Legal council has made changes, heads up more changes may come after review with Chief and Council on April 4th.	Thanks for the heads up.
5-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Presented Xeneca MOU to council on April 4, 2011.	
07-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Fish Coordinator, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for call and interest in fisheries study on Wabageshik. Studies conducted last year, uncertain if more to take place this season. Ed Laratta cc'd and knows best about further studies and status of reports. Introduction to Ed for Bruce from Sagamok as Fish Coordinator.	Fish studies performed last year and report available. Will arrange to send copy or CD. Studies planned this spring and report will be available mid to late summer. Welcome to copy, please remind in late summer to send copy. Studies done by NRSI in Guelph, ON.
7-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Coordinate for May meeting date.	
7-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	White sturgeon survey results.	
11-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Coordinate meeting dates, support Bruce McGregor fisheries study, archaeology, setting up display for education week.	
13-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	What is Sagamok's involvement at project?	
14-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Seeking sponsorship for Ralph Toulouse to attend energy conference.	Ralph Toulouse attended conference.
15-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca to sponsor Registration fee for Ralph to attend conference (Ralph / Dean Toulouse). Please confirm name to register for labels being printed by organizers.	
17-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Looking for attachment of Vale Inc's offer back on June 30th that was attached to e-mail. Cannot find in Sagamok Records. Assistance appreciated.	Will take a look in e-mails.

17-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Additionally, writing note on Xeneca MOU for Chief as Chief introducing MOU / Relationship to community forum tomorrow. After Sagamok will set up meeting with Xeneca and Chief and Council.	Thank you - Paul and Dean spoke about meeting early May. Will confirm with Patrick & Arnold.
19-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Document found. Council meeting May 16th, with note for Xeneca's attendance. Please confirm.	Chief was going to work on date week of May 2nd with chief & council. Chief suggested Xeneca put up booth for Education Awareness. Please re-affirm the dates
19-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sent note to Chief Re: clarification of scheduling. Trying to correct Xeneca meeting for council May 16th. Minor presence at Education week might be good, asked Paul about timing and Xeneca participation as well.	Thanks. Once received time frame Patrick & Arnold can be included for meeting schedule.
26-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached invitation for Education fair May 5th. Hopes Xeneca will attend, please inform Claudette Jones of availability. Council meeting on May 3rd, please confirm Xeneca availability to attend with Council.	
26-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining process applicant needs to follow and identified aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Requesting information by Aug 31, 2011 as to efforts Xeneca has made to engage with FN community.	
27-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Setting up a meeting date for Chief and council.	
28-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attempted to call office. May 3rd is not impossible for Xeneca's attendance, afternoon better to permit morning flight and drive from Toronto. Asked Patrick for additional dates in May to allow for special meeting with chief and council and helicopter tour of sites.	Next council meeting tentatively scheduled for June 6th.
28-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	June meeting will delay things if waiting too long. Xeneca and Sagamok need to meet to introduce Xeneca, explain the EA, set up dialogue to MOU, gain support of council to apply for June OPA funding deadline.	Provided dates left in month of May (6th, 30th, & 31st).
29-Apr-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Can meet on May 3rd 2:30 with and hour or two for meeting.	Great news Xeneca can attend the council meeting on the 3rd. I suspect somewhere between 1 and 2 hours should be good.
28-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Picked up e-mail from Paul, May 3rd is best with Council, has medical appt on 16th and may be off for week or two. Date in early June if May 3rd doesn't work.	Thank you. Had phone discussions with Chief today. Pending Patrick's response tonight or tomorrow.
28-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Set date for Chief and Council meeting.	
29-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca to attend council May 3rd, 1 to 2 hours for meeting.	
29-Apr-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Coordinate for Chief and Council meeting, logistics, presentation materials.	

02-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Death in community. Chief and council pay respects to family and friend of Frank Eshkogan. Business put on hold, Chief asking for alternative dates.	
06-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provided May 11th as possible meeting date.	Not a good date.
09-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	When is next available time?	
11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provided May 24th, 25th, & 26th as dates. Xeneca can meet with council in Sagamok. If dates suitable, Xeneca can begin to draft agenda.	
11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing summary reports of Archaeological studies for Four Slide Falls and McCarthy Chute.	
11-May-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Express interest in Sagamok / Xstrata exploration agreement and background and principles.	
12-May-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	State of community relations in overlapping territory and discussion about date for next Chief & Council meeting.	
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements and a CD containing electronic copies of PD's.	
26-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing presentation. Clarification re: equipment for presentation.	
26-May-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Meet with Chief & Council to give presentation on projects, hand out project description, present MOU, discuss project and overlapping territory, Q&A regarding company and projects, business discussion, provincial policy and funding challenges, government election consequence to FIT.	
27-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca attended May council meeting to provide project overview and discuss MOU. Discussion re: council and chief concerned about Upper Vermilion projects on MOU. MOU amended to reference these projects to reflect these concerns. Please review and give call to discuss.	
30-May-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration	Discuss logistics and issues related to including Xeneca materials on Sagamok website.	Need to follow up with Chief or Band Administrator.
30-May-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Plan for upcoming meeting for MOU signing and discuss option for posting information on Sagamok website.	

30-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	I had a conversation with Wayne this morning about the possibility of posting project info on the Sagamok website.	
6-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached MOU with proposed revisions, tried to focus on Wabageshik as Chief and Council wanted, with possibility of discussing other projects left in general clause at end. Discussion re: focus on Wabageshik and concerns of Whitefish Lake. Suggest crafting new MOU if Xeneca and Sagamok in future look more closely at business relationship for other sites. Still looking to sign June 16th?	Good approach, looks fine. Will work with Arnold and Patrick to lock June 16th.
07-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Looks good. Plan date to sign and move process forward to apply for AREF funding.	
7-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Coordinate for MOU signing in Toronto, discuss overlapping territory and project involvement with other communities.	
08-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing clean up of MOU. Requesting clarification if Patrick is CEO or COO. Sent MOU to chief requesting date and time to sign on June 16th in Toronto.	Providing clarification of COO & CEO of Xeneca for MOU.
08-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief available to sign MOU on 16th of June. Providing further information as to Chief's plans while in town	Would chief mind coming up to Xeneca and going out for lunch? Agree that it would be great to move along on AREF application once MOU is inked.
08-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Woodland heritage conducting field work at Serpent River between July 4 to July 11. Schedule may change depending on delays at other projects and weather. If Sagamok wishes to participate, please contact Luke Dalla Bona & Dean Assinewe to coordinate.	
08-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	What does archeology work involve? Is Serpent River planning on having someone participate? If so what date?	Providing further information as to what archaeology field work entails. Noting Serpent River has shown interest (as well as Mississauga), so arrangements will be made. Not dates set yet.
08-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Regardless of participation in field work, Sagamok would like to have copy of report sent to them. Sounds like participation would be interesting. Chief waiting to hear who Serpent River has participating in field work.	Providing suggestions as to who should be involved in relation to various departments. Providing more information about participation logistics during the visit.
09-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting geographic coordinates of the Wabageshik Rapids project as Mitch Eskakogan is updating traditional territory map and wanting to identify locations of all major projects.	Providing geographic coordinates as requested, and referring to website for additional information on Project Descriptions.

16-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	MOU signing at Xeneca office, Aboriginal consultation Plan, describe consultation.	
23-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Chief wondering if Serpent River FN participating in archaeological work on Serpent River. Allen Toulouse will participate on this and has questions for Chief which prompted chief to wonder whether Serpent was taking part. Assuming an orientation would be provided to any FN representative by the archaeological team. Will Dean be participating?	Have not yet determined Serpent River involvement beyond preliminary interest. Mississauga FN is also interested. Allen is good choice. will work with his schedule. Wabagashik and upper Vermilion to take place if Serpent River become too logistical. Not much in terms of orientation
24-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have asked Mark to work with community concerning developing links with Ontario Conservative Party and meeting Mr. Hudak. Will follow up on other issues discussed next week.	Thank you. Will give Mark a call early in week.
27-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sounds good.	
27-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Need to know what community wishes to discuss at the meeting (top issues / suggested solutions) and timelines of where and when to meet.	
28-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations	How is week of July 18th for site review by helicopter.	Been busy with meetings for that week. Wednesday and Thursday are possibly booked.
29-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Coordinate for field tour.	
30-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	With Wed and Thurs booked does that mean they are unavailable for possible helicopter tour? Or they are available? Trying to book with Vale but probably for earlier in week.	Wed. and Thurs. are not available. Spoke with Chief Paul and have to nail down Patrick on the dates. Logistics need to be settled well in advance, please be more flexible on your end and will work some magic.
30-Jun-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	Am going to try to nail down meeting with Vale for that week and will get back to you with dates.	
30-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting information sheet related to the projects and discuss possibility of PC government.	
03-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	18th & 19th of July open.	Dean will look at schedule. July 18th is okay, will see what 19th looks like.

04-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	Just to follow up on phone messages. July 19th works best for Patrick. Room for one more from Sagamok on flight. Please confirm who will be joining.	July 19th is okay, Not sure who will be joining maybe Peter Owl.
4-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Allen Toulouse to participate at Wabageshik. AREF funding work with Anli.	
4-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Further coordination for field tour. Left message on voicemail.	
05-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations	Was speaking with Bruce and notified that September 26th likely day for visit to Wabageshik. Going to pass this information to Allen Toulouse. Requesting more information about the NRSO studies and view the science and the dashboards, etc. What is best approach, putting community in touch with NRSI? Please advise how we might go about facilitating a better understanding of the Sturgeon study.	Have not seen the report but should be able to get a report to you what could answer that questions. Providing contact information for Ed Laratta and Don Chubbuck to please forward the report to Alex to supply to Bruce McGregor from Sagamok.
06-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Booking helicopter for the 19th, please confirm how many from Sagamok would like to attend. Need clear weather to fly so it may fall through if it rains. Will create flight plan and denote the sites to be reviewed. If time allows we may want to pick up business discussion while in the area with Dean doing FN discussions.	
06-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations	Thank you, will wait to get report through Xenecas internal channels.	Providing instructions for Sagamok to obtain report through FTP site.
07-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations	Providing information from NRSI's 2010 report identifying the findings in relation to the Sturgeon Study. No lake sturgeon observed during walleye spawning surveys or summer fish community assessment. Provides information about other species in the report.	Not much Sturgeon content in the report. Better understanding of Bruce's inquiry now. Thank you.
13-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations	Following discussion, did some follow up on report mentioned. Quoting the report as it relates to sturgeon population. Report seems to be unsatisfactory due to the lack of survey of potential sturgeon population. Not sure what the plans are for this population but will certainly find out.	You have taken bull by the horns I see, please advise if I can be of more assistance.
13-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations	Thank you, Next step is to have Don check into work done by NRSI this year. We'll see what comes back.	
13-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for support of the 2010 Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic. Requesting confirmation that Xeneca will provide financial contribution to the 2011 Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic on September 24 - 25. Provided flyer for event and certificate to Xeneca in thanks of contribution.	
15-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Continue planning for field tour logistics.	

17-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	Will be in Sudbury late Monday & can meet for breakfast on Tuesday. Helicopter will pick us up at Sudbury Airport Tuesday.	
18-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Land and Resource Use Considerations	Just got off phone with Chief Paul, going to be in Sudbury overnight too. Providing Cell phone number. Please call for breakfast details in morning. Will be on helicopter tour alone, Dean available if extra seat is available.	Space available in helicopter, simplest to meet at airport at 8am. Will call chief from the road or in the morning.
18-Jul-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Finalize field tour logistics.	
29-Jul-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Should be able to follow-up with Alex next week on results of helicopter review.	
09-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	When is good time to chat next week?	
10-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Available Mon / Tues. Please advise.	Tuesday at 10:30am ?
10-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Tuesday works, please confirm.	Would you like to meet at the office or on conference call?
11-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meet at Xeneca, 10:30am.	
11-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update on Lake Huron Anishnawbek Transmission Company and how it may affect Xeneca projects.	
16-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the electronic copies of the Data sheets for the Serpent River projects, At Soo Crossing, Cascade Falls, & Wabagoshik Rapids on the Vermilion River. Will follow up with McPherson Falls.	
16-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the electronic copies of the data sheets for the McPherson Falls Project on the Vermilion River.	Thank you. Have all documents for the sites Sagamok is identified for.
16-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion about OPA funding, white board exercise, community partnerships. Continue discussion to ensure Xeneca business structures are understood, ensure that FN concerns are addressed.	Maintain communication and updates on project development.
16-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invite to Xeneca office to have joint meeting with Chief Miller, Whitefish Lake FN. Need to determine dates that work for everybody.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for Wabagoshik Rapids & the Serpent River projects along with a description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
19-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Chief Paul Eshkagan, he spoke with Chief Miller and they are both willing to meet at Xeneca office. Put together some dates.	Great news. Dean to coordinate? Have notes from meeting earlier this week to share with you.

19-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Great news.	
19-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will work with the Chief. Plan to be at the Xeneca office week of August 30. Advise if those dates are good.	Meeting will be at new office. Providing location of new Xeneca office.
19-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	If those dates work for Chief that is great. There is a community forum on the 31st. 1st or 2nd of August might work better if Chief's schedule is open.	Calendar is clear. Dean to coordinate logistics.
19-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion Tuesday was very helpful to gain better understanding of proposed business relations and financial arrangements. Dean has provided data sheets for all projects which contain good information. Will be considering phase 1 AREF funding application and specific activities this may cover. Requesting any suggestions of consultants who might aid Sagamok with some assistance on financial / business relationship side. Requesting list of sites of interest on Sable River.	
23-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting dates in First week of September to meet. How would we coordinate with Chief Miller? Did Sagamok offer invite to meet in Toronto or should Xeneca?	Dean, extend invitation and Patrick will follow up. Discussion re: location due to Xeneca office move.
23-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Paul may have done so already, but will also extend invite.	New office should be ready, if not will get room at Novotel.
23-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Paul has expressed interest in meeting with Chief Miller to talk about the opportunity Xeneca is proposing at project locations on Vermilion. Providing invitation and location information. Please confirm if September 1st at 10:30am works and details can be confirmed for meeting and travel.	
23-Aug-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	September 1st is not good, other commitments that date. Week of September 18th would be good.	Thank you for speedy reply. Will check availability with everyone and get back to you tomorrow.
23-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invite Chief Paul to Xeneca office for meeting for Vermilion projects.	
23-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Coordination for meeting to continue MOU development and business discussions.	
24-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Miller available week of September 18th. Can we work around Tues, Wed or Thursday? 10:30am or 1pm start?	
24-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Preference is 20th or 21st (Tues or Wed).	21st works better for Patrick.
24-Aug-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have community meeting on September 21st. Look into October.	Will make myself available for whatever dates work best the week of September 19th.

31-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing hard copy of cover letter notifying the community that the Four Slide Falls Environmental Report is available for review on the website.	
1-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: community sponsorship for event, business strategy, invite for lunch.	
1-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message for follow up to email re: Four Slide EA Report.	
06-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing dates and logistic information about Vermilion River Stage II Archaeology studies with invitation for participation from the community.	
06-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Allen Toulouse to participate at Wabageshik (at least). Had date as 26th, Allen will be clearing participation with supervisor. Please advise if equipment rentals would be required by Sagamok.	Will inform Luke that Allen will participate. Waiting to hear what access to project is like, will advise.
08-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification that Xeneca is pleased to sponsor Sagamok Anishnawbek walleye tournament.	Are you free for meeting today. Can brief on NSTC meeting.
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
13-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing update on Serpent River meeting and discuss Wabageshik Aboriginal Consultation Plan.	
13-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation for Sagamok to attend joint Sagamok, WFEN / Xeneca meeting.	
15-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of meeting location and request to conduct downtown Toronto.	
19-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting at Xeneca office. Three-party meeting introductions, project update, provide information (draft MOU, NDA and project data sheets) EA on business opportunity and handouts (meeting notes).	
20-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing confirmation that archaeology studies performed at the Vermilion River - Wabageshik site will involve an ATV or boat. Providing notification of logistics and rates for the rentals. Have been trying to get a hold of Allan Toulouse with no luck. Notifying community that Allan Toulouse will have to coordinate with Luke Dalla Bona for the logistics of the study before next week.	
20-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Will try to get in touch with Allen. He is aware of date and seemed keen to participate. Possible for him to go by boat with others? Could we provide meeting location and time? May wait to hear from Luke once back in service range.	Spoke to Luke & he is good to go in with Allen. Will get in touch with Luke to coordinate meeting spot for Allen.
20-Sep-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Calling community Re: Stage II work at Wabageshik site. No answer at the office, could not leave message.	

24-Sep-11	Woodland Heritage	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Have access figured out by boat. There is a public boat launch at the end of Wabageshik Road. Will be there at 8:30am Monday morning.	Will see what we can do to line that up.
27-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	I spoke to Luke and he is good to go in with Allen. I'll get in touch with Luke to coordinate a meeting spot with Allen.	
3-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion Re: Wabageshik PIC and Whitefish River and Atikamekwsheng Anishnawbek involvement.	
7-Oct-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter requesting to obtain community's perspective on efforts Xeneca has made to reach agreements with community for the Wabageshik Project. Requesting this information by October 31st for MNR to make informed decision regarding the site release application.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Notification and invitation to attend the upcoming Wabageshik PIC being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
14-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Patrick & Dan in Blind River Monday. Would like to meet in afternoon if available. Please confirm.	
17-Oct-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss Sagamok interest with the project and potential for facilitated discussion. Sagamok creating a working group to work with Xeneca. Discussed Wabageshik and how to advance the business relationship.	Will contact Alex Ker to set up a meeting to discuss and apply to OPA AREF funding and explore other business opportunities.
18-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have time for a phone call?	
18-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invite to meeting at Xeneca office.	Confirmation that October 25th at 1pm will work.
20-Oct-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Ministry of Natural Resources	Posted letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Understand Applicant of Record has not yet been issued for Wabageshik site. Providing confirmation that Xeneca and Sagamok are having discussion and Xeneca is making good efforts to offer an opportunity for community to participate in project from business perspective.	Thank you for sharing the response from the community.
29-Nov-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of availability to meet and work with Alex next week at Xeneca office. Stage 1 AREF application.	
30-Nov-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	More information about the Phase 1 OPA funding request. Advise if you can come to office next week.	
30-Nov-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Discussion and update on Wabageshik Rapids project.	

05-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here is the BCR you may consider for the application. Are you in area this week?	
6-Dec-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sagamok position to work with Serpent River FN and move forward on the project.	
6-Dec-11	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanking Xeneca for providing AREF material for application.	
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update about internal project discussion with Whitefish River FN and Whitefish Lake FN.	
09-Jan-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Recall ACP has changed, can we receive copy? Chief indicated prior to Christmas that there had been discussion of more regional/treaty approach. Outcomes of Serpent River election may have impact on how we would like to proceed. Will try to catch up with chief this week and see what he thinks is about to happen next. Any thoughts or insights?	Modifying ACPs to reflect Federal provisions and are still a work in progress. Once complete will reissue the ACPs to the communities. Chief mentioned the treaty/regional approach to me before Christmas. Feel free to call to discuss matters. Feel that Sagamok should still proceed with the applications (at least with Wabageshik).
16-Jan-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Unable to get to Toronto to meet. Would like to connect and catch up. Not sure how to proceed in light of Chief looking into possible inter-FN approach. Not sure if Serpent River election has happened?	Not sure where things are going as request received by Grand Chief Madahbee's office at UOI. Will put call into Chief Paul. Advise Sagamok to continue to take its course and take lead. Serpent River elections happen this Friday.
16-Jan-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to gain his perspective on a Treaty approach on development (follow up to previous discussion and potential meeting with the Union of Ontario Indians).	
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Assinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.	
19-Jan-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Document received and changes noted. Believe there are still some changes being made to Aboriginal Consultation Plan so we're keeping our eyes out for that as well.	
24-Jan-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Asking about Sagamok participation at the UOI / Robinson Huron Leadership meeting with Xeneca. Decision undetermined at this time.	
25-Apr-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advising that he will be attending a meeting at Whitefish River First Nation and will inquire into the direction the Whitefish River will be taking with Xeneca's Wabageshik project.	
9-May-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advising that Sagamok wishes to proceed with Xeneca and that Whitefish River and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek are aware that Sagamok is moving forward. Acknowledged the position with Chief Paul and to coordinate internally to meet again.	

09-May-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Chief Paul - He is ready to proceed with MOU. Spoke about relations between Sagamok & Attikameksheng & Whitefish River and understands he feels Sagamok should take leading role. Would like to get on phone and get back on track with implementing the MOU.	
09-May-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Glad to hear this. Lots of things going on in community this week. Chief seems clear he wants to proceed and not be tied down too much by other communities own agenda. Yes - should talk and get things back on track. Discussion re: scheduling.	Thank you for reply. Can always head down to Sagamok to meet and chat about how to move forward.
10-May-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message that Xeneca set up a call and to meet her in Toronto.	
10-May-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Things more clear next week to chat / meet.	
25-May-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to meet in Toronto week of June 11th.	
28-May-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Has been some time since community has had formal contact with Xeneca regarding implementation of MOU as well as status in relation to Sagamok being and JAC. Feel it would be beneficial to arrange a meeting with Xeneca to discuss how we might proceed to implement MOU which was signed nearly one year ago and to discuss potential for business relationship - particularly with Wabagishik Rapids site. Would like to receive update at meeting on other projects on Vermilion as well as Serpent River projects.	
28-May-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic letter from Chief Paul to Uwe Re. MOU and arranging meeting with Xeneca to obtain update on all projects within their area. Enclosure: "12May28 Sagamok Ltr Re MOU".	Thank you - Have been in contact with Alex to line up next meeting.
4-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Set up date to meet next week.	
12-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting at Xeneca office, update on Sagamok business, discuss prioritization of projects, Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), Archaeology Stage III, information centre in the community, technical update on the project, financial viability discussion, set up meeting between Uwe Roeper and Chief Paul Eshkagogan. Sagamok can sign the NDA and prepare to meet with Uwe Roeper, will coordinate with Rhea Asinewe to plan information session.	
12-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing Draft NDA as discussed for review.	
12-Jun-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Found meeting this afternoon very productive, Left with 100% of the information needed. Have reviewed NDA and will take to Chief for signature. Chief Day plans to call a meeting with SAFN & MFA to discuss rights, accommodation, impacts etc. This will no way affect our plan going forward with Xeneca because focus is on Wabagishik not SR projects. Note left for Rhea re: Xeneca holding community forum in July. Will have to brief chief prior to before we are a "complete go". Lots to do on this file and time frames requiring focus to reach key decision points.	Thought it was a good meeting and good direction to move forward on. Will get notes prepped and send your way for review and amendments.

15-Jun-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief signed NDA. Can bring signed copy next Friday for Dean. Assume with this that information can begin to flow on matters discussed earlier this week. Partially briefed chief on meeting and planned steps but did not finish as he had another meeting. Concerns surrounding archaeology studies and face Phase II may have indicated First Nation use of site - will need to discuss this. Discussion re: time to chat about arch. study and plans for community forum that works for both parties.	Can you fax / PDF copy. Going to start compiling information.
16-Jun-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources	Thank you. Going to put notes in electronic form. Request to talk Monday re: archaeology studies.	Just tried to call. No answer. Happy to talk about archaeological studies. Will have preliminary chat with Luke Dalla Bona to get facts straight as to when he is going back and when report can be made available.
21-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing first draft of meeting notes for review and additions.	
04-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Speaking with Alex about possibility of Xeneca hosting information centre in Sagamok for Wabageshik Rapids project. Team will be in local area July 25 for PIC in Espanola. If possible can set up the day before in Sagamok? Description of what presentation and display consist of.	
04-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Heard that the Vale-Sagamok ceremony was huge success. Wanted to follow up with you regarding timing of meeting. Is there a Chiefs of Ontario meeting in Toronto the week of the 16th? Would this be a good week for Chief & Uwe to get together?	
05-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing available dates Chief is able to meet with Uwe in Toronto (July dates).	
08-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Busy week, apology for not replying. Will review meeting notes from June meeting and own notes and may suggest additions. Will get something to you this week.	No problem - lets stay on top of action items. Can you confirm Delta Chelsea and breakfast meeting location with Chief Paul?
09-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Good morning. Chief available to meet with Uwe & Arnold for breakfast July 17th at the Intercontinental Hotel at 8am. Please confirm works for Arnold & Uwe.	
12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification and invitation to Wabageshik Rapids PIC being held July 25th in Espanola. Notification of Xeneca's willingness to host community meeting if community prefers. Enclosure: PIC media advertisement FR & ENG.	
13-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing additional notes for "moving forward" action items for June 12, 2012 meeting notes.	In addition to sending technical / environmental information, will deliver project economics. Will take place immediately by Anil Grover - VP finance after the following week's board meeting. Discussion re: AREF & ALGP applications.
20-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources	Discuss Stage III participation in field.	
20-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have news of Stage III archaeological work at Wabageshik. Luke Dalla Bona schedule is to be at project site August 2012. Interested in participating in field study?	
20-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for heads up. Good idea for someone to attend this. Rhea can advise as to who to send perhaps?	

20-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please send details about "participating in the field" or "on site".	Tried calling # to discuss Stage III work but no answer and could not leave message. Would be happy to bring you up to speed on Xeneca's Wabageshik Rapids file. Archaeological program is only one area of the planning and it's an important process where company is trying to gain participation. Please call.
20-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will forward information to your attention moving forward. Know Sagamok's position well but it you want to come to PIC next week as an observer - will be good first opportunity to meet the team and do some planning for Sagamok's info session later on. Providing PIC information e-mail as sent out July 12/12 to community with PIC ads in ENG & FR.	
20-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will attend this session as an observer.	Great news. Dean will keep you in loop on timing/location to meet etc.
20-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	What was meant was to have someone from Sagamok participate in / attend field work that is being completed as part of the Phase III of the Archaeology Study for Wabageshik Rapids. This advanced stage of work is completed when aboriginal "values" have been identified at the site. Company generally offers to have a community member, including technical people, accompany the team doing the research. Wabageshik site may require some physical capacity to get to - may be difficult for an elder to participate - Dean could advise on that.	
20-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Apology for missing PIC - hope to get together with you for an update - Possible time this week.	Around Friday 12 - 2pm - Does this work for you?
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognised additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
24-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	What time are you heading to this meeting?	About 3 pm.
25-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Setting up ahead which usually take 30 min. Best to show up after 4pm when everyone is settling in. Luke Dalla Bona will be there to answer question about archaeology.	
30-Jul-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development		Aboriginal Community Considerations	Friday does not work. Can we schedule August 1 @ 1 pm?	
1-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations	Introduction meeting to the Lands & Resources Unit re: Watershed & Historical Impacts (KVP), Environmental Impacts & Assessments, AS/Xeneca MOU, Archaeological Study - phases, information sharing, keeping discussion moving forward and future watershed management systems. Action items - sharing information on the project - Fall Harvest opportunity to Xeneca to provide community members updates. Archaeology study - technician & community member to participate at a one date site visit.	

02-Aug-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Had Introduction meeting from Dean Assinewe to the Lands & Resources Unit re: Watershed & Historical Impacts (KVP), Environmental Impacts & Assessments, AS/Xeneca MOU, Archaeological Study - phases, information sharing, keeping discussion moving forward and future watershed management systems. Action items - sharing information on the project - Fall Harvests opportunity to Xeneca to provide community members updates. Archaeology study - technician & community member to participate at a one date site visit.	
3-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the revised DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project. Enclosure: ACP Cvr Ltr 23Jul12, Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.	
10-Aug-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for information. Could you please forward correspondence on this file to Rhea Assinewe as she is the Lands & Resources Coordinator at Sagamok.	Will add Rhea Assinewe to list of contacts. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.
14-Aug-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Following up to meeting from earlier this summer in Toronto. Understood from Paul that as a follow up Xeneca would be sharing some information.	Owe you some modeling. Discussion re: economic participation model. Owe some hydrology and environmental reports - let me know what you would like. Would rather send those that are of interest.
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on Wabageshik Rapids between August 17 - August 31. Invitation to communities to share known values - Xeneca considers this information as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information. Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter with Attachments	General Natural Environment Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Forwarding most up to date information. As requested by community, providing Environmental Baseline Report & Archaeology Stage I Summary Report. Currently in process of finalizing Stage II report on this project. Once available and finalized will send a copy to community. Xeneca is prepared to meet with community and would be more than happy to address any questions or concerns.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft economic model for Wabageshik Rapids project. Providing additional details and explanation of model.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion, Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	

21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of cover letter to study reports sent to Community.	Clarification as to what address package was sent to - Package sent directly to Alex Ker's contact address.
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of cover letter to economic participation information sent to Community.	
21-Aug-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Request for Dean to call to discuss cost and all other details for the archaeological trip to the site in question.	Advised Arthur of decision to call off archaeology trip until further notice.
22-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Package was sent to address provided.	Thank you. Was that Orangeville? Was it sent courier or mail?
22-Aug-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Courier address will not work. Request for tracking number and courier company information - Will call and get the right delivery information.	
22-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Package was sent to address listed on cover letter sent electronically. Apology for delay. - By courier.	
06-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing documents you should have for your files. Can we work together to plan a Wabageshik information meeting in September or October? Enclosure: "12Aug21 Study Report Our Ltr".	
08-Sep-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Did receive hard copy of reports by courier. Can pass reports on to Rhea as it'll be in Sagamok the week after next. Assume no information session in Sagamok in August as originally planned?	Good to hear you have reports. Have started working with Rhea on when we can do the info session. Perhaps later this month or early October. Planning to be on the island doing similar meetings so the team will try and link in Sagamok during that time.
11-Sep-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations	Providing overview of where Sagamok & Xeneca stand prior to briefing to Chief & Council. Received technical documents & ACP. Sagamok to discuss business opportunity due to timing with election period. Requesting info re: when project economical information might be available to Community. This was follow up from meeting with Chief in July. Request for template AREF application that can be shared. Continue with tasks and work plan as outlined ex. develop Sagamok "Framework of Expectations" and outline of business relationship.	
11-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will push to get model out - aim for Friday or Monday - happy to shortly thereafter discuss what it means and project assumptions. Will double check on the AREF work done last fall and get back to you - don't have template AREF currently. Big issue is getting Whitefish Lake & Whitefish River to the table. Discussion re. engagement with FNs on Wabageshik Rapids development.	
12-Sep-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Information helpful. Will wait for information from Anil. Will be able to learn from progress Xeneca has made on the application as mentioned previously. Discussion re: relationship between Sagamok and other FNs in relation to engaging FNs on the Wabageshik project.	Thank you. Just did a community meeting with another FN on one of the other projects yesterday which went well.
19-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing economic participation model with explanation in email for Wabageshik Rapids project.	Thanks Arnold, we'll start working through this right away!
21-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	As follow-up to last week's phone message, I wanted to share Chief Joe's message about Wabageshik. He wants to call a meeting between all communities affected by the project.	

27-Sep-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Eshkakogan mentioned that he had spoken to Chief Hare about possible meeting. Do you know what intent is in terms of accommodation or accommodation agreement? Any idea of whether or not Chief Hare is pursuing this?	
15-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: developing agenda for Wabagishik First Nation group meeting.	
16-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: planning with UCCM for Wabagishik First Nation group meeting.	
18-Oct-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have had opportunity to review last night various documentation on the Wabagishik project and business relationship. Have few questions about business model to sort through. Could come to meeting late morning /lunch early afternoon for informal meeting. - If Dean available to dial in that would be great. Please advise.	Will be in tomorrow - Tied up between 12:30 - 2 but could meet at 230?
18-Oct-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	May need to chat by phone. Have just headed home. Would like to chat informally tomorrow afternoon. Can link all by cell if Dean's available.	Schedule shifting. - Busy between 1:30 - 3. Can we do before?
18-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Lets keep it open and see if we can meet or link by phone.	Next week is open. Will be in office 29 - 31.
19-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Flip a quick email once you're done and in a good place for the call. Then will hook Dean in.	
19-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion about new staff in Sagamok (Rhea Assinewe. Resouce Coordinator) to handle consultation and Alex will handle business. Discuss community relations.	
22-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to plan for information meeting in Sagamok.	
26-Oct-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Continue plan for First Nation group will be in Sault Ste. Marie in November.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabagishik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and it's appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provided list of items included on the Electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage II Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTC). Panels from most recent PIC has been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER. Hard copy of PIC panels for Wabagishik Rapids project.	
31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: information package.	

31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Heads up as Draft Wabageshik Rapids EA report is being shipped shortly. We shipped CD for the package which was addressed to the Chief. Part of mail out so we can get the packages to each community as soon as possible. Wanted to let you know if the chief is asking. Hard copy is being sent to you. If you want a CD as well please advise.	
01-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to follow up on First Nation group meeting in Sault St Marie.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabageshik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
05-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for mailing address in Orangeville.	Providing new address to send Draft EA documents.
05-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending you draft posting - for a venue for Xeneca to set up at.	Map says Sagamok River and date says November 21 - What's that?
05-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sagamok River is Neegan typo and its for 2 weeks from now. Just trying to get set - Melissa and Art will be manning the post.	Will check with team. Requesting action date. Where would we set up - Thinking 4 - 8pm.
06-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss agenda and expectation for November 13. 2012 meeting in Sault Ste. Marie.	
06-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of FN meeting invitation letter.	
06-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for sharing copy of letter. Have spoken with Chief and will be providing him and Rhea with information to prepare for this meeting. - including status of the EA, Environmental Condition Report, Arch Study & proposed economic business model.	
07-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Laura Owl is reviewing - Will get back to you soon.	Thanks. Should I call Laura?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advised to contact you by Rhea to confirm details of session for Xeneca. Will book the CRC for the date. Had mentioned starting around 4 - 6pm. Please advise.	Thank you for doing follow up. Rhea and I were trying to coordinate around the time of the Capital Planning event. Is that on November 21?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes, Workshop # 6 is one the 21st of November for 6 - 9.	What is the location of the workshop?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sunrise Room at the bingo hall.	Wonder if we could rent the larger room and set up there so folks checking out the capital plan can swing by and look at our stuff. What do you think?

09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sounds like an excellent plan.	Need to confirm the date with colleagues. Event posting will be sent to you ASAP if dates work. Is that something you can assist with - posting the flyer at viable sites?
09-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes - The sooner the flyers are out the better.	
12-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call to discuss meeting plan, agenda and participants for upcoming meeting.	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded, UCCW, Shegualandah First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
14-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have not heard back from team yet. This is too short notice for community members. Would prefer min. 2 weeks to put up postings. Lets look at the calendar and see if there's another date available for December or January.	
14-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Received Wabageshik Draft EA Report by courier. Are there any time restraints regarding review of report?	No time restraints on DRAFT ER, but there will be a 30-day window to review Final ER after Notice of Completion is issued.
15-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss/debrief on November 13 meeting with Manitoulin Island communities and Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul12 Wabageshik Intro Ltr", "12Nov05 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov09 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER", "12Sept15 Wabageshik PD Ltr".	I'm away from the office (automated message).
29-Nov-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to Sault Ste Marie meeting. Understanding is that Sagamok will take care of environmental aspects & third party review of the Environmental Assessment Report and UCCW will handle the business relationship.	In principle, no problem. Xeneca requires proposal that outlines the firm that Sagamok plans to use and a budget of current and projected costs.
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please accept Xeneca's apology for any disturbance caused by the geophysical study	
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Three possible third-party reviewers: Knight Piesold, Kohn-Crippen-Berger, EXP. No more will be done on this front until the Chief is consulted and Xeneca approves.	Two reputable firms are Senes and Dillon Consulting. It will be important to identify main issues to determine next level of review.
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft Terms of Reference for ER review and draft budget for archaeological review and ER review. Will develop ToR for archaeological review once stage II archaeology study is obtained.	
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'm working on preparing Terms of Reference for third party reviews of the ER and Stage II Archaeological Studies for Wabageshik. Could you provide status update on Arch. Study? Will most likely have Victor Lynwyn review it. Looking at EXP to review ER, but want to look at others. Please provide list of consultants you have worked with so we can avoid conflicts of interest.	WESA is writing the bulk of our reports. Baseline studies were done by Natural Resources Solutions Inc. We have used Trow/EXP for some one-off work related mostly to surveying, so there shouldn't be any conflict.

06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting clarification: Is this review for Sagamok alone, or for all involved communities?	It is intended to be conducted for all communities but led by Sagamok. I'm not totally clear on who is in on the review. I don't know where AAFN came out, but it is definitely for UUCM, Sagamok and probably Whitefish River. Please send an email or letter of acceptance of the budget proposal.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	That's my concern with the terms of reference. Only some of the UCCM communities were present. As Dean noted, Whitefish Lake hasn't been at the table. I'm also not entirely clear as to which UCCM communities intend to assert jurisdiction and would cede the lead on the reviews to Sagamok.	As far as I know UCCM Chiefs are as in as Sagamok. It would be best if AAFN were in on this as they're the only other identified community. Believe time for participation in environmental aspect is now.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I understand. The budget you proposed seems reasonable.	Chief has instructed me to confirm that Xeneca will be funding the process and to begin. If we need to pause to get AAFN on board we can.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Don't pause. Proceed and find someone. I am fine with the proposed budget. But you need to retain someone and get them to refine it with a scope of work.	Reviewed annexes, appendices and main report and selected documents that I believe should be reviewed by a consultant.
06-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I understand that Uwe will be meeting with Chief Miller in the new year and we hope they'll want to participate on Wabageshik and the other Vermillion projects.	
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	AAFN may be in on review. Be aware that they might request funding for a separate third party review.	Thanks for the information. If you haven't hired a consultant yet we could use that in our discussion with Chief Miller (i.e. cooperative selection of consultant).
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We are shopping for consultants. We could select one collaboratively with AAFN, provided that they want to cooperate.	It could be a point of discussion when Uwe meets Chief Miller.
06-Dec-12	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Great Dean. We should try to get together next week for coffee.	I'm in lively. We should have lunch if the timing is right.
13-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have you made any progress on the selection of a biology consulting firm? Have you given any thought to whether you want an archaeology review and who will perform it? We feel that we are getting close to resolving main issue and will file a Notice of Completion when that point is reached. It is imperative that we stay in the timeline we discussed. Could you get the reviews done in a month?	Chief said that all communities are in, so we can proceed to find a consultant. I need to finish up ToR and scope of work to present to possible consultants. Victor Lywyn will be doing archaeology review.
13-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll try to keep AAFN in the loop. I am good with you finding the right consultant for the ER review. We have completed Stage II Arch. Studies, and are trying to avoid having to do Stage III by avoiding the areas of value. Need scopes and rough budgets from consultants.	
14-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing First Nations Financial Model Presentation and Cash Flow Models for Wabageshik project. Next step is to determine jurisdiction among communities. After that, a Term Sheet should be developed and legal agreements determined.	
07-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: Wabageshik request for proposal to complete third party EA review for group of First Nations.	
09-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone		Left message re: financial model package sent to Art Jacko, UCCMM for his responsibility to take to Access Capital and their evaluations. Discuss priority of actions re: EA review, business model evaluations.	

11-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Two consultation firms responded to us: Senes and Exp. Senes is by far the more qualified choice. I have not yet shared these thoughts or proposals with Sagamok, but hope to get Levi, the Chief and Rhea involved in assessing the proposals and coming to a decision. I have no idea where UCCM is with the business arrangement.	By the way, Ed Laratta, who's leading our EA process, is an ex-Senes consultant.
24-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I met last week with Art Jacko and he will be meeting with Chief Eshlakogan for a status update on the ER review. How is the proceeding with Senes coming along?	
28-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss third party EA Review Request for Proposal (RFP) and SENES contract. Alex will write a letter to FNs about the EA review process. Alex will contact Victor Llewellyn, Archaeologist, to review the stage II report. SENES contract will include provisions for a meeting with FNs and Xeneca.	
29-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update of review process. We are taking steps to begin the third party review, including the write up of a contract and getting materials to Phil and his team. Could Xeneca send a copy of the EA Report directly to Phil Shantz at Senes?	Grace, can you burn me one more copy of the EA: Wabageshik?
29-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks Arnold. I assume this can be sent directly to Phil Shantz?	Yes, we'll send it to Mr. Shantz.
29-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	The CD will be couriered out tomorrow.	Thanks Grace. Sorry to have to ask for another copy!
29-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	No worries! It is ok.	
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Met with Phil Shantz, gave him appendices and annexes. Will use Senes to review Stage II Archaeological Studies instead of Victor in order to keep costs low. The annexes provided only contained info pertaining to Stage I. Can we get an electronic or draft form of Stage II? Can you provide contact info for MNO and DFO regulators involved? We would like to contact them regarding comments they made to Xeneca about project.	Grace please send contact info to Alex. Uwe and I met with Chief Miller last week and are trying to set up another meeting. We understand that Wahnapitae FN and Serpent River FN are not interested in the project but have not sent us documentation to that effect. Waiting to hear back from Woodland RE: Stage II Report.
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Phil Shantz received Stage II Archaeology report disk in mail, but it is "public", redacted version. Is it possible to get full, un-redacted version? Do you know whether the project and project footprint has an impact on the archaeological site?	Xeneca may not be allowed to release full version. Will ask.
31-Jan-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	My understanding is that a Stage III Archaeological review cannot take place without Aboriginal and MNO consultation. No First Nations community can participate without knowing the details of the Stage II. We could consult the MTRCS if that is better. First Nations could invoke the terrain of the duty to consult.	I hear you. As I said, not an issue for me either but I'm not the archaeologist. Let me check with Luke and John at Woodland.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing contact info for Bob Robinson (MNO) and Kelly Eggers (DFO).	

01-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks. I wonder if we should also get a contact for MTCS as per the discussion on the archaeological study. Thanks Grace!	
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	It's my understanding that there will be no Stage III on the Wabageshik on account of the project being moved upstream to avoid this value and other environmental considerations (fish spawning). Woodland has a protocol for working with communities on field visits.	There is still an interest on the part of Sagamok at least to know the findings of the Stage II. Perhaps we can see what Luke and John say and what the restrictions are from a legislative and regulatory perspective.
01-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry. Meant to include Arnold in this discussion as well.	
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	John advises that they cannot release the report until it has been approved and a clearance letter issued by MTCS. Stage II has not yet received clearance. I asked the archaeologists to push MTCS to speed up the process because the FNs are asking for it.	Thanks. That works. I understand the restrictions and also the law/regulation/policy context. I'm sure we'll eventually be able to look at the Stage II report.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I appreciate it. Just have Senes beaver through it and once I can get my hands on that MTCS clearance letter, I'll send it to Phil via Dropbox.	We'll fold in archaeological angle on this as documentation becomes available. Senes is proceeding. I'll be sorting out a contract next week.
01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Do you want to have Senes bill us directly and to copy you? I need to prepare a Purchase Order anyways, so this should avoid the administration (middle man stuff).	That's a possibility. We've done this before - it saves Sagamok from handling the money. Let me just check with Senes that they are okay with that.
08-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll proceed to contract directly with Senes, just to keep things separate. Since there are other FNs involved I would like to keep things clear in terms of the relationship and the independence of Senes in completing this work.	
11-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Just want to touch base and find out how Senes review is going. Is there anything we can do to start to address issues and do you have a sense of when they will complete the review? We are looking to get an engineering letter followed by an archaeological opinion that indicates that our proposed solution to buffer and avoid the known site is the preferred solution.	
12-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Senes is fully engaged. They proposed 3-4 to completion. A small working group of reps from Sagamok, UCCM, and WIL will receive completed review. Chief Paul directed me to not speak to Attikameksheng on any resource development matter as he feels they aren't in a position to respond to things. We are still interested in Stage II results. Arnold, invoice from Sagamok is attached.	Thanks Alex. I'll get the invoice in for processing. I would appreciate a copy of the Senes invoice once the process is done downstream.
19-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration	We have the letter from MTCS and will get the report to SENES ASAP.	Thanks. If you could please forward this to Senes and myself that would be much appreciated. I'll let Phil know that the report will be made available.
21-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration	Here is the Stage II Report and letter from MTCS. Please provide Phil Shantz's email address so that I can send a copy to him.	Thanks Dean. I will forward it to him directly.

27-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	i had a note from Bob Robinson indicating that the comments from MNR on Wabageshik would be shared via your offices with Sagamok (and other FN's) for the purposes of third party review - which is well in progress now. My expectations on timing are that we'll have a draft/final report from Senes towards the middle/end of March, then have a meeting re: results, then meet with Senes, Xeneca and FN's.	We are planning to do a round of calls with various districts just to keep them in the loop. I will arrange to send you the comments that the MNR had on the projects, our response and their reply shortly. We could try to align comments in such a way to see were the MNR and the FN's agree/disagree.
27-Feb-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Yes, we can try aligning the comments in that way. It might take some reconciliation and sorting. I'll wait to get MNR's comments, Xeneca responses and your response. Who do you see as the other main regulator here? I would think the MNR and DFO are the main ones we would need to deal with. We were able to put Senes in touch with Kelly Eggers at DFO.	The main regulators are really MNR and MOE. Once Grace gets in I'll get her to compile the three reports and I will fire it off to you.
27-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please see attached Xeneca's responses to agencies' comments on Wabageshik Draft ER, including responses to MNR, MOE, DFO and EC comments. A major issues list is attached as well. Currently Xeneca is reviewing all the major issues with agencies.	Thanks. That should set us up very well to put the full picture together.
27-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please find attached the original comments from DFO and EC which are not included in my last email. Also please find MNR review comments back to our responses.	
28-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss the project and EA review, challenges communities face with multiple proponents and capacity issues.	
08-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending additional archaeological information that may not have been included in the package sent to Mr. Shantz. Please send to Mr. Shantz for his files and review.	
11-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We have the cheque for the down payment of the Senes ER review. Do you want us to send it direct or route it to you? Does it need a cover explaining what it is for? Rama will direct you as required.	Thank you for processing the cheque. It can be sent directly to Sagamok and to the attention of Kim Sissenah, Director of Finance. She has the original invoice as well (reattached here).
18-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss legal entity for Wabageshik partnership, advised the Chief that Arnold is working on a partnership model to present to the communities and will notify Arnold to send a message to the Chief and provide an update on his work.	
19-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about March 18 call to Chief Joe Hare and following up to partnership model discussion.	
19-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Following up to see if Senes has completed its review of the Wabageshik Rapids ER documents. I wanted to get a sense of the next steps. Is there some way that we can get a sense of the issues that we are offside on? We'd like to know which issues are important for the communities, and which issues that have been raised by the agencies are not as important to the communities.	

19-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	We received Senes draft report late last week. I'm pleased with it's overall quality and clarity. As such, I suggest that we move forward to meetings with Chief and Council and the interested First Nations. We've set April 17th aside for a meeting with Xeneca/Senes/Sagamok/Interested FNs. Listing areas of concern/interest to FNs.	Sounds great. Get direction on whether you can release the report. I'll bring our consultants in for a review and seek to make them available to answer questions. Not sure if it will be in person or by call. Archaeology for ex. is under a gun for field work.
20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	The Chief has directed that we proceed with the meeting with the FN group. There are a few things in the Senes report that suggest a bit more field work may need to be done. We'll definitely have the report to you before we meet in April.	
20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would you have Chief Joe Hare and Art Jacko's email and/or full contacts that you can share with me? Listing names of people involved in the Senes environmental third party review. I've asked the Chief of AAFN if I could visit Christian Naponse. We'll see what comes back.	I didn't read that last part about Christian Naponse but she'll be most welcome!
20-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I thought it might be prudent to reach out a bit to AAFN. The Chief is a bit hot and cold on these matters, so I have to check each time. He suggested we should share the report with AAFN.	
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update on where we are at with setting things up to review the third party review report from Senes. A letter's going out today to invite the FN review group to attend a meeting at Sagamok to review the report on April 5. I'd like to give the group some time to comment & review before we turn the report over to Xeneca. We have a meeting on April 17 with Xeneca, Senes, Sagamok and other FNs to have open discussion and review on various matters.	
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would you have a problem with moving the Xeneca/Sagamok/Senes/Other First Nations meeting from April 17th to May 7th in order to accommodate the Chief? We would still be able to share the report with you after we meet on April 5th, so you'd have a good heads up RE: areas of interest/concern.	No problems. We have to work with everyone's schedules.
21-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Great. I've just revised the letter to the FNs and indicated a meeting early in May.	
21-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Hoping we can get the Senes report a little earlier in case there are additional requests for information (i.e. Sturgeon studies, bird migration). The earlier we know about these requests, the easier it will be to organize for them. Anything flagged that goes to the heart of treaty rights or traditional land use needs to be focused on. BTW, I am almost done with Terms Sheet. Should it go to Art Jacko? Do you want a copy?	I'll have a look at the report and consult with Phil Shantz. We can review it on April 5th to zero in on priority items. Art Jacko is the key contact for Terms Sheet but could you please send it to me as well.
22-Mar-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Consideration	Providing heads-up on items arising from the Senes report that may have implications for additional field work or study in 2013 and matters that may have time sensitivity.	Thanks Alex.

03-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development		Email	Aboriginal Community Consideration	Hi Andrew: This was what they sent us from their lead consultant that is acting as the point person on the file.	
09-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
18-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to explain Sheguiandah FN invitation email to Whitefish River FN meeting.	
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa, Kaming, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Sheguiandah's admin assistant, Sheila, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.	That's great!
23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.	
24-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development, Woodland Heritage Services, NRSI	Sheguiandah First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation, Wikwemikong First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Discussion about archaeological work at site, how to avoid a Stage III arch. study. Discussion about possibility of sturgeon living in Wabegoshik Lake and studies to determine whether or not they are actually there. Discussion regarding fish passage. Discussion of inundation area and mercury levels.	
01-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.	We had a few delays on our end but here it is (providing meeting notes). I included your section of action items below the speaking points. If they are good feel free to share among the group.
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending response to sturgeon questions/concerns. Also attaching a locational map that shows project location, a close up of the proposed project area and the inundation mapping. We are currently in the process of considering a couple options in regards to the sturgeon studies. Proposed archaeological field work should be finished by the second week of June. Once I know the exact dates of Luke's work I'll advise Alex Ker.	
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agonie) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agonie.

28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I believe the response letter and attachments have gotten through to Sheguandah and AOK. I sent the material to the Band Manager at AOK. Phil Shantz would like to go into the site with Luke Dalla Bona when he does the field work. Please keep me apprised of plans. We will also see if there is another person from Sagamok who might want to go (Rhea, Michelle or Art).	Sure thing Alex. I'm copying Luke so that he is aware that Phil wants to join him for the field visit.
28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would it be possible for representatives from Sagamok to join you and the water keepers on your visit to the Wabagishik site? Also, our consultant and some people from Sagamok will be joining Luke Dalla Bona when he goes to the site to do his archaeological field work. Do you or others want to join us? I can include you in the correspondence if so.	We can invite two elders and perhaps yourself. We were looking at June 15-17. I need to talk with the elders to confirm details.
30-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll arrange to have Sagamok Elders (up to 2) brought to the staging point.	Is there any way we can schedule for June 13th? The 15th-17th doesn't work for me. Please let me know. I'll double check with Ginny and her group.
30-May-13	Woodland Heritage	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	The week of June 17th works for me. Dean please let me know what the schedule is. I'll put down the week of the 17th as a definite for Wabagishik. Please understand that it will be very disruptive to my scheduling of other projects if this gets delayed.	Will get back to you shortly on this. I would likely only go out for a day or two. I originally thought Luke was looking at the week of the 10th but this may work out fine.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to move out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might be required.	Just spoke with Bruce McG. He should be able to provide me with a proposal by tomorrow some time.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks Alex. I'm just sensitive to the timing. If it's a reasonable proposal, the communities support that approach and the MNR is willing to issue the appropriate ESA permits, Xeneca will be committed to funding.	
31-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	FN EA Peer Review Group	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Continuing discussion regarding meeting in Whitefish River on April 24. Luke Dalla Bona is available to show community members the Wabagishik site. Would like to set up conference call to begin planning.	
02-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	My suggestion is to schedule what works for the waterkeepers. Sagamok would like to join, but we'll leave the scheduling up to you and then just see who is able to join you on those dates. I'm hoping to be on the call tomorrow afternoon on this as I know Dean is trying to coordinate a lot of activity at the site.	
05-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Ministry of Natural Resources	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussing possibility of call on Friday. Nikki is working on the availability of staff from 1:00pm to 1:30pm. She will confirm shortly.	
05-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just got off the phone with Nikki Boucher from the MNR about the possibility of a call on Friday. We're thinking 1:00pm to 1:30pm. Let me know if you are available then. Details will come later.	
07-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Kilgour Associates, Sudbury MNR	Xeneca Power Development	Teleconference	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss sturgeon population at Wabagishik above rapids and potential to study (netting) Wabagishik lake, timing and water temperature, risking the health of fish population, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation desire to understand the population but do not want to hold up the EA and willingness to work outside the EA (telemetry study is highly recommended). Considered historical studies and creel study evidence, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation needs the reports for documentation.	

10-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave message to ask for assistance with field trip and boat transportation.	
11-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave message to check to see if there is a boat and operator available to assist with field trip.	
11-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Bruce may not be available that day (working), but advises to contact Chief Paul Eshkakogan.	
12-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about field trip lunch catering opportunity.	
13-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave message about catering opportunity for next week. Discuss number of participants from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and overall catering numbers and costs. I will send driving direction this afternoon.	
17-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss new boat launch area and easier access (and greater safety). Alex will check on number of participants from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation.	
19-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Continue planning and confirming numbers for prepared lunches.	
20-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Field trip to Wabagishik Project with Whitefish River FN and Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation elders/water keepers and staff. See field trip summary.	
20-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Debrief on field trip. Dean will prepare a summary of the trip and share pictures with the FN EA group.	
26-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Asking for invoice.	Providing invoice.
27-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Asking about payments.	Clarifying expenses.

02-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Going to write up a newspaper article regarding Wabagesik trip. Please provide some information about the power dam and the archaeological site as well as any available photos.	Providing draft copy of EA Report (which includes answers to your questions). Trying to send photos through DropBox.
02-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Okay, will work on that.	
05-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	FN EA Peer Review Group	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing meeting notes and photos from Wabageshik field trip.	Excellent summary.
06-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion of plans to have Sagamok community members fish the area around the Wabageshik program.	Any dates that we could meet at the office to discuss this?
08-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sagamok expenses.	Have sent for processing.
09-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Detailed info about expenses.	Invoice status.
10-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	That's great news.	
11-Jul-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Expenses details	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Let's set up a call.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:		Wabageshik G.S.	
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):		Sagamok Anishnawbek	
Date:		23-Sep-13	
Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record	
Lack of Sturgeon Sampling completed in 2010 field season.	13-Jul-11	In addition to the 2011 sturgeon study, a full year of study was completed in 2012.	
Chief wants inter-First Nation approach.	16-Jan-12	Noted. This recommendation was acted on and an intercommunity meeting was called in November 2012, which lead to the formation of the First Nation EA Peer Review Group. Further Information can be found Section 6.5, Aboriginal Engagement section of the Wabageshik Class EA Report.	
Request for a meeting to discuss implementation of MOU as signed (approximately one year earlier) and to discuss business to business relationships. Also requested status update on plans and activities for all Xeneca projects in their traditional territory.	28-May-12	Meeting held June 12, 2012 to provide status update on all activities for all Xeneca projects.	
Key question council and representatives will ask (in future meeting) is how well the project measures against Sagamok natural resource stewardship principles.	12-Jun-12	Xeneca provided Sagamok the Biological reports, archaeological reports and a copy of the draft environmental assessment for their internal review as part of the EA Peer review group review in January 2013. This review allowed for the group to assess the project against the communities natural resource stewardship principles.	
Concern regarding the archaeological study and the fact stage II archaeology may have indicated First Nation use of the site.	15-Jun-12	The Belmer site which is the location identified in the Stage II archaeological study as being significant, will be fully avoided and protected by employing mitigation measures during construction as approved by MITCS which include delineation of the eastern boundary of the site, and establishing a second fence 70m from this eastern boundary to prevent construction personnel from entering the site.	
What are the specifics of the Stage II Archaeology study, and what 'values' may have found on site.	13-Jul-12	The stage II archaeology study was provided to Sagamok in January 2013 as part of EA Peer review group in January 2013. This report provided information on specific values and finds discovered at the site.	

Would like to obtain copy of archaeological stage 2 study (full, not public).	31-Jan-13	Xeneca sent SENES the stage 2 public report. Full report cannot be issued until it has been approved and a clearance letter issued by MTCS.
	21-Feb-13	Full copy sent to SENES. Avoidance strategy documentation was sent to individual communities in July of 2013.
Are there Sturgeon in the lake now?	07-Jun-13	Sturgeon not likely to be found in Wabagishik Lake. There have been no previous reports of occurrence.
What is Bruce Kilgour proposing as part of his study? The First Nation will need to be satisfied with the approach.	07-Jun-13	Kilgour recommended that if you wanted to definitively determine that Sturgeon are not upstream, an extensive telemetry study would have to be carried out over multiple years (i.e. Sturgeon only spawn every 5 years). However, in light of any existing evidence of sturgeon upstream, it was discussed with FN that efforts might be better spent on a sturgeon restoration initiative downstream. This initiative is being considered and Xeneca has offered to support such an initiative if FN want to move forward with it. Xeneca has suggested to combine the Walleye hatchery (already committed to) with a sturgeon hatchery.
Sagamok does not have the [Vale] background reports [on the Vermillion] but needs to have them.	07-Jun-13	Xeneca has made this request on behalf of Sagamok but has not received anything from Vale.



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June 24, 2010

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Dear Chief Paul Eshkawkogan:

By way of introduction, Xeneca Power Development ("Xeneca") is a leading, independent company created to develop environmentally responsible renewable energy projects. Under the recent *Green Energy Act* ("GEA"), the Government of Ontario is encouraging the development of renewable and cleaner forms of energy production to replace aging energy infrastructure and to eliminate dirty coal power. Under programs developed by the government, Xeneca was awarded Feed-in-Tariff contracts for 19 projects throughout Ontario, and has a further 14 projects that are currently in production reserve.

As President of Xeneca, we wish to enter into respectful and meaningful discussion with your Community about these projects that include:

- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik
- McPherson Falls

To address environmental concerns, Xeneca is preparing the necessary documents for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower projects ("Class EA"). Advancing to the Class EA in no way guarantees a project will be built but it does develop the information required for the issuance of permits and approvals. The Class EA will include draft project descriptions that Xeneca will forward to your Community in order to solicit initial comments. Hopefully, this will create a broader understanding of the projects and elicit comment and suggestions prior to wider regional consultation. Please advise what other information you require and Xeneca will do its best to address that need.

Xeneca will shortly engage in Class EA consultation, which will provide the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community a full understanding of the environmental, cultural and socioeconomic issues; and provide the opportunity to engage Xeneca with comments and concerns on projects within Sagamok Anishnawbek Traditional lands. Xeneca has contacted the various Federal and Provincial Ministries concerning Aboriginal consultation on our projects, but any assistance you can provide would be very much appreciated in isolating projects within the Traditional lands. If you have any issues or concerns you may wish to also contact the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure ("MEI") that is the "One Window" for this process.

The purpose of the Class EA is to also engage all levels of government, including the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community, in this multi-year process (averages 18 months) so all issues of concern are addressed. If your Community has a preferred consultation policy please advise us of the means and manner in which you would like to proceed once the Crown has isolated the projects that affect Sagamok Anishnawbek Traditional lands. Any insights you can provide in advance of the Crown process would be very much appreciated.

As these projects are in the very early stages, and we have only recently been enabled to share preliminary information and will continue to do so as it becomes available. Xeneca has begun the process of posting information to our website at www.xeneca.com. Information includes:

- Project information that is updated regularly.
- Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation and business practices.
- Outlines of, and links to, government programs that provide information and/or funding programs.

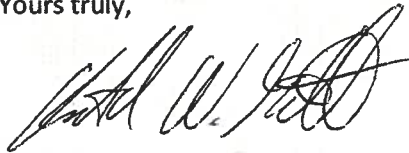
Additionally, the Crown, under a separate process for Projects on Crown lands, is determining Communities eligible for benefits under the GEA and Ministry of Natural Resource ("MNR") 2010 policy, and, once MNR has completed that process, they may be contacting your office. Please direct any queries to Ed Tear, District Manager, Sudbury MNR, and to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI). MEI is responsible under GEA for Aboriginal benefits related to FIT contracts. You may also want to review the various government programs related to FIT projects.

If the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community is eligible for benefits, Xeneca will engage in a separate, parallel set of discussions that include partnerships or benefits sharing. Xeneca will be leveraging the Class EA process to provide the necessary due-diligence information to those Communities that engage in benefit or partnership discussions, and this will occur in parallel with the Class EA process. Xeneca can commence this process once MNR informs Xeneca of the Communities eligible for benefits and allows Xeneca to proceed.

The principals of the company have long been supporters of working closely with Aboriginal Peoples and have developed numerous relationships throughout Ontario. Xeneca is seeking your input and possible participation as we enter this five year process.

Thank you for your kind consideration and please direct your initial queries to Vanesa Enskaitis at venskaitis@xeneca.com or (416) 590-9362 ext. 104.

Yours truly,



Patrick W. Gillette
President and COO

Cc: MNR District Manager:
Ed Tear – Sudbury Ministry of Natural Resources

September 16, 2010

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
P.O. Box 610
Massey, ON P0P 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

As you are aware, recent notices, letters and newspaper advertisements have been posted in regard to Xeneca Power Development's proposal to build a waterpower facility in proximity to your Community.

The projects of interest to you and your Community are:

- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik Rapids
- McPherson Falls
- Allen & Struthers

By now, your Community should have received from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources notification of our proposed project(s). Additionally, you should have also received correspondence from Xeneca providing contact names and numbers, basic information about the proposed projects and the development process, as well as an invitation to visit our website for regular updates.

Xeneca fully respects First Nations treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and, as such, we endeavor to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation in the development process.

Communities with interest in our projects need information in order that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any development is conducted in a way that strikes an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or an appropriate member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

Archeological studies are normally conducted under four phases. Phase One studies provide an overview based mainly on historical record and are quite preliminary in nature. When completed, we would be pleased to send these to your Community for review and comment. The remaining phases (Phase 2, 3 or 4, if required, would include an inspection or possibly extensive digging at the project site and your presence (or an assigned representative) would be essential at these phases of the work.

Typically, all projects will require a Phase Two study which involves on-the-ground investigation and would greatly benefit from input from members of your Community. Phase 2 involves some sampling of soils. Phase 3 and 4, if required, can include extensive digging and possibly removal of artifacts. Copies of the Phase Two report will also be sent to your Community for review and comment. A recommendation from the archeologist on the need for Phase 3 and 4 would be contained in the Phase 2 report. The Phase 2 report would be shared with you and your views on any further work would be sought.

Should a significant archeological find be uncovered during the Phase Two investigation, your Community would be consulted on the preferred means to move forward.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, through phone (705-863-1969) or e-mail, dassinewe@xeneca.com. Mark Holmes, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, along with Dean and the archeologist will ensure the work is done thoroughly and meets your needs as well the quality requirements from the Ministry of Culture.

Best regards,

Patrick W. Gillette
President & COO

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CC - Gerry Webber, Coordinator, Northern Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Ed Tear, Sudbury District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources

October 13, 2010

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
P.O. Box 610
Massey, ON P0P 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

RE: Invitation to Attend Public Information Centres.

As promised in previous correspondence to your Community, Xeneca Power Development is writing to inform your Community that Public Information Centres (PICs) are being set up in your area with respect to the following proposed waterpower developments:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River

As you may be aware, Xeneca has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the above noted projects. Public Information meetings are an important part of that process.

Xeneca invites you to attend our Public Information Centre where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the projects and provide your input to our project team. Please join us on:

Wanapitei River Project:

Thursday, November 18th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Killarney Veteran's Memorial Hall
52 Charles Street, Killarney

Vermillion River Projects:

Monday, November 22nd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Your Community's participation in the PICs is greatly valued, as is First Nations engagement in archeological, environmental and social-economic aspects of the projects. Communities with interest in our projects need information so that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any future development is conducted in a way to provide an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Overall, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued through the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on potential impacts and viability for each of the projects. The Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as any additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

We will be posting information regarding our projects, access to information and government programs on our website at www.xeneca.com. Xeneca will also be working with the Aboriginal Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects Aboriginal treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and endeavors to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation throughout the development process.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or as designated member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

If there are questions or comments regarding the Public Information session, the undersigned can be contacted at any of the numbers listed on our letterhead. If there is an interest to participate in the archeological studies or additional Class EA components of the projects within your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison via phone at (705) 863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Holmes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
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October 25, 2010

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
P.O. Box 610
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Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

Your Community will have recently received an October 13th notice and invitation to attend Public Information Centres (PICs) regarding our proposed waterpower developments:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermilion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermilion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermilion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River

Please be advised that Xeneca Power Development will be rescheduling the Public Information Centre to which your community has been invited. We fully expect to confirm dates for January or early February and will provide advance notice. The change in meeting date will provide the necessary time to address government agency comments and further develop information related to our projects.

In the meantime, we continue to seek your Community's input on archaeological studies being conducted around the above noted sites, and we invite you to visit our website at www.xeneca.com for project information, updates and notices.

If you have questions please contact the undersigned, or Vanesa Enskaitis at any of the numbers provided in our letterhead.

We look forward to meeting the members of your Community in the coming weeks.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Holmes", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

December 20, 2010

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
P.O. Box 610
Massey, ON POP 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

Welcome to the start-up activities on development of the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the proposed projects:

- At Soo Crossing GS on the Vermilion River
- Cascade Falls GS on the Vermilion River
- McPherson Falls GS on the Vermilion River
- Wabageshik Rapids GS on the Vermilion River
- McCarthy Chutes GS on the Serpent River
- Four Slide Falls GS on the Serpent River

This first step of the EA process is intended to establish the initial conceptual design, start a dialogue on regulatory approval requirements and initiate public consultation and Aboriginal engagement in the Class EA process. To this purpose, Xeneca and its consultants from OEL-HydroSys Inc. are pleased to present you with the Project Description for this proposed project.

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received.

In the early stages of this engagement process, a proponent-led EA coordination meeting will be undertaken with key government agencies and your community to coordinate an integrated planning process and to identify environmental concerns and diverse regulatory and management planning requirements that may be associated with the proposed project. This document is intended to assist you in preparing for this engagement process. A detailed list of the federal and provincial regulatory agencies, municipalities, and Aboriginal communities which are receiving a copy of this document directly is included within the document. We will be contacting this distribution group shortly to inquire as to their availability for participation in a Class EA Coordination meeting for these proposed small-scale waterpower development projects. Please indicate if you or the Community you represent have interest in participating in this coordination meeting.

The general public and other groups are also invited to review this document. The document will be provided to these parties through postings on the Xeneca website or, upon request, by direct mail. If you require additional copies of this document you may access our FTP site by completing the following instructions:



An attached word document guide will assist you with the download process. You will need to activate passive mode in your Internet Explorer browser to be able to access the FTP site behind our corporate firewall.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact OEL-HydroSys Inc. Environmental Assessment Manager, Ms. Tami Sugarman at (613) 839-1453 Ext. 229 and tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca or Xeneca's Manager of Environmental Studies and Assessment, Edmond Laratta, at (416) 590-9362 ext. 106 and elaratta@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's President, Mr. Patrick Gillette at pgillette@xeneca.com or Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Mr. Dean Assinewe at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

c.c. Alex Ker, Consultant

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April 26, 2011

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek
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SUBJECT: Non-Competitive Waterpower Site Release Application for Waterpower Development, Vermilion River, Outlet of Wabageshik Lake, Foster Township, Site 2CF12

Dear Chief Paul Eshkakogan:

Further to our previous letter of November 12, 2010 on the subject application, this letter is to advise of the applicant's, Xeneca Power Development Inc., decision to proceed further with the site release process for the proposed water power development at the subject location.

The next step in the site release process is for the applicant to engage the Identified Aboriginal communities listed below, with the intent of establishing a business to business relationship in support of this project. The applicant will be required to report to the Sudbury District on progress related to establishing this relationship. The Sudbury District may also communicate independently with the Identified Aboriginal communities during this engagement period to track progress. Based upon the applicant's report and from information received from the Identified Aboriginal communities, the Sudbury District will determine whether to proceed with Site Release.

The Identified Aboriginal Communities associated with this water power application are:

- Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
- Sagamok Anishnawbek

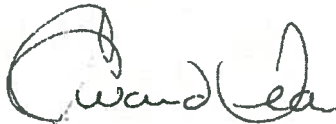
Applicant of Record is the completion of the Site Release process for a potential waterpower project. Applicant of Record grants the applicant the ability to pursue required approvals and permits through an Environmental Assessment for waterpower projects. There is no right, title, interest or tenure associated with Applicant of Record status. Applicant of Record has not been issued for this site. In order to make an

informed decision regarding the site release application, the Sudbury District would like to know by **August 31, 2011**, about any efforts the applicant has made to engage with your community about this project.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has agreed to support a concurrent site release and Environmental Assessment process for this application. We have advised the applicant to include your community in their consultation efforts during the Environmental Assessment for this project. The Sudbury District would also like to know about any concerns you may have with the project, specifically whether you anticipate any impacts on your community or the ability to exercise your Aboriginal and/or treaty rights. The information received by the Sudbury District from Aboriginal communities may be forwarded to the applicant for consideration during the Environmental Assessment process, and will be considered as the Sudbury District seeks to meet its consultation obligations with Aboriginal communities.

If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss your community's interest, please contact Bob Robinson, Project Lead at 705-564-7868 or Rick Reynen, Resource Liaison Officer, at 705-564-7847.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Tear', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Tear
District Manager
Sudbury District

c. **Patrick Gillette**, Xeneca

Rick Reynen, MNR Resource Liaison Officer, Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, MNR Project Lead, Sudbury District



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May 13, 2011

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
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Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Four Slide Falls on the Serpent River
McCarthy Chute on the Serpent River
Cascade Falls on the Vermillion River
At Soo Crossing on the Vermillion River
Wabagishik on the Vermillion River
McPherson Falls on the Vermillion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed a compilation of the following notices and past correspondence.

- Notice of Intent to enter Business to Business relationship dated June 10, 2010
- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermillion River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Serpent River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermillion River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermillion River
- A CD containing the electronic copies of the Project Descriptions for the Xeneca Projects indicated above

Xeneca has provided these documents for your continued review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project(s) are greatly valued and appreciated.

As we prepare the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report") we respectively request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

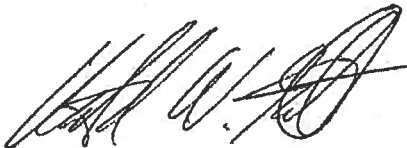
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Enclosed is a draft Aboriginal Consultation Plan ("ACP") that outlines a starting point on how Xeneca wishes to engage during and after the submission of the EA Report, which will be also provided to the Crown. Overall the concept is to continue engagement to project Commissioning and thereafter if desired by the Community. As noted in the ACP there are many future opportunities after the EA Report to engage.

EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e., a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process) at this time the EA Report will be provided to the Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel that have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

Separate from the EA Report, Phase II – Phase III Archeological studies will commence in the field and staff will follow-up on Community engagement in this process and the need for further consultation. If your Community has been identified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as a Community that is entitled to benefits from the project, a project datasheet (is enclosed or will be sent). If the Community is unsure of its status please contact the local District MNR office. The datasheet is designed to outline a process to continue/commence engagement in benefit discussions and that the EA Report contributes to the due-diligence process. If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick W. Gillette
President/ COO
Xeneca Power Development

August 18, 2011

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
PO Box 610
Massey, ON POP 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

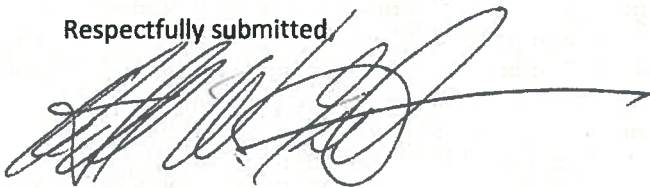
- ❖ Four Slide Falls & McCarthy Chute developments on the Serpent River
- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Gillette
President
Xeneca Power Development Inc.



CC. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Xeneca Power Development

Alex Ker, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation

Marty Blake, District Manager, MNR Sault Ste. Marie District

KimMihell, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sault Ste. Marie District

Ed Tear, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District

Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District

Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA

Dave Bell, Project Manager, CEAA

Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/ EA Coordinator, MOE

Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides, Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury

Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-Hydrosys

Sarah Raymond

From: Dean Assinewe
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 11:03 AM
To: 'alexker@sympatico.ca'; 'Paul Eshkogan'; 'atoul035@gmail.com'
Cc: 'Dalla Bona Luke'; F N; Dean Assinewe
Subject: RE: Sagamok Anishnawbek: Vermilion River Archeology Stage II

Thanks Alex

I've let Luke know that he can expect participation from Allen. I'm waiting to hear back from Luke on what access to the project area is like. Once I hear, I can contact Allen and coordinate from there.

Allen, feel free to call me on my cell 705 863 1969 if you have any questions

Dean.

DEAN ASSINEWE, R.P.F. Aboriginal Relations Liaison

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From: Alex Ker [mailto:alexker@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Dean Assinewe; 'Paul Eshkogan'; atoul035@gmail.com
Cc: 'Dalla Bona Luke'; 'Tami Sugarman'; 'Reynen, Rick (MNR)'; F N
Subject: RE: Sagamok Anishnawbek: Vermilion River Archeology Stage II

I just spoke with Allen Toulouse in the Sagamok lands office as he had been identified as the person who would be participating on behalf of Sagamok at least in the Wabageshik Rapids Archaeological Assessment work. We did have the date of September 26th identified for this. Allen will be clearing participation with his supervisor.

Dean, could you please advise whether any equipment rentals would be required by Sagamok? I believe the site is fairly accessible.

Thanks,

Alex Ker
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C: 519-942-7116

From: Dean Assinewe [mailto:DAssinewe@xeneca.com]
Sent: September-06-11 12:36 PM
To: Alex Ker; Paul Eshkogan
Cc: Dean Assinewe; Dalla Bona Luke; Tami Sugarman; Reynen, Rick (MNR); F N
Subject: Sagamok Anishnawbek: Vermilion River Archeology Stage II

Hi Alex,

Xeneca had sent out Stage I Summary report letters and part of that letter was an invitation to participate in Stage II archaeological field work. Following up on that letter please find below a schedule of the work being undertaken and the opportunity for members of the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community to participate.

Pending weather and other logistical factors the following dates are being proposed.

Vermilion River

Week of September 5th: McPherson Falls
Week of September 12th: At Soo Crossing
Week of September 19th: Cascade Falls
Week of September 26th: Wabageshik Rapids

Please select preferred date(s) and please note that First Nations Representatives will be provided the opportunity to observe, ask questions and learn about the process. While there is absolutely no obligation for to provide assistance to Xeneca's contractor, Woodland Heritage Services (WHS), we would welcome any input from the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community

Xeneca is aware that costs may be incurred and we will provide the following contribution to members of the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community who chose to participate.

Per diem	150/day
Vehicle mileage	0.50/km
ATV	100/day towards a rental if required
Boat and motor	100/day towards a rental if required

Due to logistical constraints we would request that Community participation be limited to three persons per site visit and that participants with local knowledge are preferred.

Access to these areas is by road and walking trail. However some sections may involve physical terrain that is considered difficult. As such it is recommended that participants be in sound physical condition.

Kindly advise on your participation in the study program by responding to this e-mail or by calling Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969.

We look forward to work with the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community and sharing our respective knowledge.

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Dean

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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:11 AM
To: Alex Ker; 'eshkakogan_paul@sagamok.ca'
Cc: Dean Assinewe; F N; Reynen, Rick (MNR)
Subject: Please join us on October 20th for Xeneca's Wabageshik Rapids PIC
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC EA Review - 20Oct-French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC-EA Review - 20Oct.pdf

Hello Chief Paul & Alex,

Xeneca will be hosting a Public Information Centre (PIC) as a follow up to PIC held last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us on Thursday, October 20th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre to learn more about our proposed Wabageshik Rapids project within your area.

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you on October 20th!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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December 13, 2011

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
PO Box 610
Massey, ON P0M 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Sagamok Anishnawbek to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

Electronic Copies sent to the following:

- cc. Alex Ker, Consultant, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
Ed Tear, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Rick Reynen, Resources Liaison Officer, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner / EA Coordinator, MOE – Northern Region
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:19 PM
To: 'eshkakogan_paul@sagamok.ca'; Alex Ker
Cc: Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf; Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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From: Dean Assinewe
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 2:29 PM
To: 'Rhea Assinewe'; 'Alex Ker'
Cc: F N; Dean Assinewe
Subject: RE: Wabageshik Stage III archaeology study August

Importance: High

Hi Rhea

I just tried calling the number 705 865 2375 to discuss the Stage III work but there was no answer and I could not leave a message for you. I would be happy to bring you up to speed on the Xeneca file as it relates to Xeneca's Wabagishik Rapids Project on the Vermillion River. The archaeological program is only one area of the planning going on and it's an important process where the company is trying to gain participation from First Nation communities.

Please call me at your earliest convenience 705 863 1969 or alternatively I can arrange to meet you at your office to brief you on the project and answer any questions you may have.

In the mean time we have information on the company website xeneca.com; look for Vermillion River, Wabagishik Rapid under the Projects tab at the top of the webpage.

Meegwetch

Dean

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From: Rhea Assinewe [mailto:assinewe_rhea@sagamok.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Alex Ker; Dean Assinewe
Cc: F N
Subject: RE: Wabageshik Stage III archaeology study August

Good Afternoon Dean/Alex:

Please send me more detail about "participating in the field" and "on site"

Regards,
Rhea

From: Alex Ker [mailto:alexker@sympatico.ca]
Sent: July-20-12 12:50 PM
To: 'Dean Assinewe'; Rhea Assinewe
Cc: 'F N'
Subject: RE: Wabageshik Stage III archaeology study August

Hi Dean. Thanks for the heads up on this. I think it would be a good idea for someone to attend this. I think the last time we tried to have Allen Toulouse there for some other field work but it was a bit of a bust. This one would seem particularly important to have someone on site - Rhea can advise as to who to send perhaps. (Rhea, Art, other?)

Alex Ker
(519) 942-7116 (m) | (519) 942-9469 (o)

From: Dean Assinewe [<mailto:DAssinewe@xeneca.com>]
Sent: July-20-12 11:07 AM
To: Alex Ker; Rhea Assinewe
Cc: Dean Assinewe; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Stage III archaeology study August

Hi Rhea and Alex

I have news of the Stage III archaeological work at the Wabageshik. Luke Dalla Bona schedule is to be at the project site between August 17 – 31, 2012.

Is there interest in participating in the field study?

Dean

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From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:19 PM
To: Alex Ker; 'eshkakogan_paul@sagamok.ca'; 'Rhea Assinewe'
Cc: Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:14 PM
To: 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'
Cc: F N
Subject: FW: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Categories: Interoffice

From: F N
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:09 PM
To: 'eshkakogan_paul@sagamok.ca'; Alex Ker
Cc: 'ed.tear@ontario.ca'; 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the Sagamok Anishnawbek Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Samantha

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
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PO Box 610
Massey, ON P0P 1P0

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment –NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Hope you are well!

/encls.

cc. Alex Kerr, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
Rhea Assinewe, Lands & Resources Coordinator, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Paul Eshkakogan
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Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

Meegwetch,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

cc. Alex Kerr, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
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From: Grace Yu
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 5:02 PM
To: Alex Ker; Arnold Chan
Cc: Dean Assinewe
Subject: RE: MNR Comments on Wabageshik
Attachments: 2010-061 EC Comments on Draft Class EA Report.pdf; DFO comments on Wabageshik Draft ER August 2012.pdf; RE: Wabageshik Draft ER - Major Issues

Categories: Wabageshik

Hi Alex,
Further to my email below, please find attached the original comments from DFO and EC which are not included in my last email. Also please find MNR review comments back to our responses.

Thanks,
Grace

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From: Alex Ker [<mailto:alexker@sympatico.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Grace Yu; Arnold Chan
Cc: Dean Assinewe; Mohammed Hansa; F N
Subject: RE: MNR Comments on Wabageshik

Thanks very much Grace. That should set us up very well to put the full picture together.

Alex Ker T (519) 942-9469 C (519) 942-7116

Subject: RE: MNR Comments on Wabageshik
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2013 11:11:21 -0500
From: GYu@xeneca.com
To: achan@xeneca.com; alexker@sympatico.ca
CC: DAssinewe@xeneca.com; mhansa@xeneca.com; FN@xeneca.com

Hi Alex,
Please see attached Xeneca's responses to agencies' comments on Wabageshik Draft ER, including responses to MNR, MOE, DFO and EC comments.
A major issues list is attached as well.

Currently Xeneca is reviewing all the major issues with agencies.

Best regards,
Grace

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From: Arnold Chan
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:46 AM
To: Alex Ker
Cc: Dean Assinewe; Grace Yu
Subject: MNR Comments on Wabageshik

The main regulators are really MNR and MOE.

DFO is there too, but they are actually very reasonable to deal with. They put their issues, but we usually are able to resolve it and come to a technical solution and then they move on.

MNR (and surprisingly MOE – because they weren't like this in the past) have tended to dig in their heels much harder and seem reluctant to resolve issues. They just make their demands and if you don't comply, that's it. The problem with many of their demands is that it either involves an endless cycle of studies OR it involves doing something so dramatic as to kill the economics of your project.

Staff are slow getting in today because of the storm. Once Grace gets in, I'll get her to compile the 3 reports and I will fire it off to you.

From: Alex Ker [<mailto:alexker@sympatico.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Arnold Chan
Cc: Dean Assinewe
Subject: RE: MNR Comments on Wabageshik

Thanks Arnold - yes, we can try to see if we can align the comments in that way. It may take a bit of sorting and reconciliation of their comments/Senes etc but we'll see if we can do this. I'll wait to get MNR's comments, Xeneca responses and your response.

Who do you see as the other 'main regulator' here? I would think MNR and DFO are the main ones we would need to deal with.

We were able to put Senes in touch with Kelly Eggers at DFO.

Alex Ker T (519) 942-9469 C (519) 942-7116

Subject: MNR Comments on Wabageshik
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2013 10:21:23 -0500
From: achan@xeneca.com
To: alexker@sympatico.ca
CC: assinewe_dean@sagamok.ca
Yes indeed.

We had an update call with the District on Monday. We are planning to do a round of calls with various districts just to keep them in the loop.

I will arrange to send you the extensive comments that they had on the projects, our response and their reply shortly.

Great to hear that we will get Senes responses mid March. I think what would be helpful is to divide the comments into two categories. In the case where the FNs share the concerns of the agencies, then this is something we have to resolve. If there are issues the agencies have raised (and you don't agree with them) and wish to side with us, we would appreciate any support!

Thanks!

Best,
Arnold

From: Alex Ker [mailto:alexker@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Arnold Chan
Cc: Dean Assinewe
Subject: MNR Comments on Wabageshik

Hi Arnold.

I had a note from Bob Robinson indicating that the comments from MNR on Wabageshik would be shared via your offices with Sagamok (and other FNs) for the purposes of the third party review - which is well in progress now.

Just spoke with Dean and indicated my expectations on timing of this are that we would have a draft/final report from Senes towards the middle/end of March, we would then convene a meeting of the First Nation group to meet with Senes and receive results, and then we would likely around mid April schedule a meeting of the FN group, Senes and Xeneca (and technical advisors as necessary) to discuss things. Dean suggested the meeting on the environmental side might be made to coincide with a similar meeting on the business side - this is something I can encourage.

Thanks!

Alex Ker T (519) 942-9469 C (519) 942-7116



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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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Attn: Chief Paul Eshkakogan

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Alex Ker, Consultant, Sagamok FN
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison*, Xeneca



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
P. O. Box 610, 4007 Espaneil Street
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Attn: Chief Paul Eshkakogan

Dear Chief Eshkakogan:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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Yours truly,

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Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
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August 23, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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Orangeville, Ontario
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Attn: Alex Kerr, Consultant for Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation

Dear Alex:

Re: Proposed Operating Plan - Wabagishik Rapids Proposed Waterpower Project

As a follow-up to our letter that was mailed out to you on the 27th May 2013, please see attached the finalized version of the Proposed Operating Plan & Water Management Plan Amendment (OP) document for the Wabagishik Rapids project.

Xeneca has been involved in various meetings and calls with both the MNR and MOE to address issues related to the Wabagishik Rapids Operational Plan. Dialogue to discuss and revise the OP with the agencies has been taking place since the draft Wabagishik Environmental Report (ER) was issued in fall 2012.

The most recent comments from the agencies resulted in several modifications to the OP during the period of June 2013 to mid-August 2013, before being finalized last week.

Presently, the final Wabagishik ER is being prepared to be issued to all agencies, public stakeholders and Aboriginal Communities by early September 2013. The ER will provide greater details in regards to minimum flow and other environmental issues that may not be covered in the OP.

If you have questions or comments about the Operating Plan, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
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cc. Phil Shantz, Principal, SENES Consultants Limited
Paul Patrick, SENES Consultants Limited
Chief Paul Eshkakogan, Sagamok Anishnawbek



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September 19, 2013

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Relations
Xeneca Power Corp.
5160 Yonge St
North York, Ontario
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Dear Arnold:

Re: Wabagishik Rapids Water Power Project

This letter is intended to provide you with an update on Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation's (Sagamok) position on the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment (the Class EA) for Xeneca Power's Wabagishik Rapids Hydroelectric Project (the Project), and the status of our independent, third party review of the EA Report. Overall, Sagamok is satisfied with the approach that Xeneca has taken in engaging our First Nation and sharing information with us on the Project, including the Class EA Report and associated technical studies.

Since 2011, we have had discussions with Xeneca on the Wabagishik Rapids and other projects your company is pursuing that are within or have the potential to result in impacts on Sagamok traditional territory and rights. In June 2012 we signed an MOU with Xeneca which outlined how we would continue to work together to consider environmental impacts of the projects, as well as how the First Nation might participate in associated economic opportunities.

Over the course of the past year our activities in relation to the Project have been focused primarily on considering the environmental dimensions of the project, and in particular the draft EA Report. In this regard, and following a meeting on November 13, 2012 that involved some of the Chiefs of First Nations that may be affected by the Project, Sagamok undertook to lead, on behalf of a group of First Nations, an independent technical review of the Project. Xeneca

provided financial assistance to retain Senes Consultants Ltd. (Senes) to undertake this third party review.

Senes completed its technical review of the Class EA Report under contract with Sagamok Anishnawbek and delivered a Final Report to Sagamok in April 2013 (*Technical Review of Xeneca Environmental Assessment Report for the Wabagishik Hydroelectric Generating Station Project-Final Report*). This report was also shared with the other First Nations.

Following that, we received presentations from Senes and were able to share and discuss the findings and recommendations of the Senes report at a meeting with interested First Nations at both the GreenX2 Conference in Sudbury and at a subsequent meeting held at Whitefish River on April 24, 2013. Xeneca attended the April 24th meeting with your consultants, and as a result we were able to have an open discussion, and an opportunity to have questions about the Project directly addressed by Xeneca.

In June of this year, Xeneca (Uwe Roeper, Dean Assinewe and yourself) participated in and provided logistical and other support to a site visit by the waterkeepers of Whitefish River First Nation and several representatives from Sagamok Anishnawbek. Phil Shantz, our consultant from Senes, and Luke Della Bonna of Woodland Heritage Services also attended this site visit and Luke was able to speak directly to the group about the archaeological significance of the Belmer site.

In terms of the findings and recommendations of the technical review, we set out the First Nations' perspectives in a letter to you, dated April 15, 2013. In this letter we identified ten major issues or areas of concern that we believed required further investigation and possibly additional field work or mitigation. These issues pertained, amongst other things to:

- Lake Sturgeon;
- Walleye and Northern Pike;
- Methyl Mercury Fish Tissue Sampling;
- Turtle Survey;
- Transmission Lines / Roads;
- Cultural Heritage / Belmer Site;
- Operational Plan;
- Fish entrainment and impingement and mitigation strategies;
- Mapping of Areas of Inundation;
- Spawning habitat loss.

Your response to the above issues was provided in a letter dated May 27, 2013 to myself. Many of these issues were addressed through additional plans for field work to be completed in 2013, as well as some mitigation strategies (e.g. walleye/pike spawning). Also, the visit to the Project and the Belmer cultural site in particular, together with the Avoidance Strategy/Plan for this site prepared by Woodland Heritage, and our consultant's accompanying Woodland Heritage as they did their field work/investigation of the transmission lines and roads has been helpful in addressing some of our concerns.

Sagamok has requested and you have agreed that the First Nations could be involved in or kept informed of any further discussions and planning with regulatory agencies (MNR and DFO) that would occur during the permits and approvals stage for the Project in relation to:

- further development of the Operational Plan for the project;
- fish entrainment and impingement, and mitigation strategies; and
- fish spawning/habitat compensation planning.

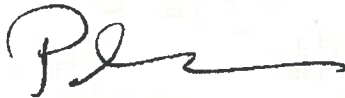
At this point in time, it is our understanding that Xeneca has prepared and will soon be submitting a final Class EA Report for the project and distributing this to First Nations. We have discussed next steps for Sagamok being to review the final EA report, with Senes' assistance, and to have a further discussion with the interested First Nations following completion of that review.

At this time it seems that many of the issues that were initially identified in our third party independent review of the Wabagishik project have been or are being addressed. However, we would like to ensure that we have an opportunity to do our 'due diligence' with respect to continuing to understand and promote mitigation of the environmental and other impacts of the Project as this moves beyond the Class EA stage to that of permits and approvals.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing the final Class EA Report, and to continued discussions and engagement with you on this Project as it moves forward.

Please let me know if you have any immediate questions or concerns.

Miigwetch,



Paul Eshkakogan
Chief, Sagamok Anishnawbek

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Serpent River First Nation

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Chief Isadore Day
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact				Issues		Resolution	
Contact Date	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details			
26-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabagishik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabagishik ACP.			
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Wabagishik ACP Ltr, Wabagishik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.			
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke to Michele (assistant) about the information package sent about the project and if there is interest in the project. Left phone number for Chief to return call.			
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to recent correspondence sent to community, providing hard copy and electronic copy of Wabagishik Rapids Project Description. In event that changes or updates are made to project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to the community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.			
11-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss community interest in the project. Mishin explained that the Vermillion is not in Serpent River territory and they will send a letter to state their interest.			
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabagishik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provides list of items included on the electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCSS). Panels from most recent PIC have been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, hard copy of PIC panels for Wabagishik Rapids project.			
1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	No answer at SRFN band office (or voicemail). Sent email to request phone call.			
1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Called office but unable to get through to reception or a voicemail. Requesting a call back to bring you up to speed on info package being sent out and to raise awareness about an upcoming meeting in SSM to discuss Wabagishik Rapids Project.			
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabagishik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.			
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development Serpent River First Nation	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attempted to call, left an e-mail with Mishin re: scheduling FN meeting. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining meeting with First Nations involved with the Wabagishik Rapids project. Enclosure: "12Nov5 FN Meeting Ltr".			

9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabagishik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabagishik Rapids PD Rev Document.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Serpent River First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Nov5 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov9 Wabagishik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabagishik Draft ER" "12Sept5 Wabagishik PD Ltr".	
14-Feb-13	Serpent River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left voice mail re: Wabagishik project and requested a letter of interest (or non interest) for the Wabagishik project.	
9-Apr-13	Serpent River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	During networking at the conference met Chief Day and discussed the interest in Wabagishik Project. The Chief say SRFN is interested in the project from an investment opportunity.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Serpent River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	
16-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Serpent River First Nation	Posted letter with attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing copy of the Wabagishik Notice of Commencement and Project Description.	



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July 26, 2012

Chief Isadore Day
Serpent River First Nation
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Dear Chief Day:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Nishin Meawasige, Community Development Manager, Serpent River First Nation
Lynn Moreau, Lands & Resources Planner, Serpent River First Nation
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
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September 5, 2012

Chief Isadore Day
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Dear Chief Day:

In addition to previous correspondence sent to your Community, please find enclosed a hard copy and electronic version of the following:

❖ Wabageshik Rapids Project Description

In the event changes or updates are made to the project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to your Community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at 705 863-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

c.c. Electronic copies sent to the following:

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

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Dear Chief Day:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
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cc. Nishin Meawasige, Community Development Manager, Serpent River First Nation
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Isadore Day
Serpent River First Nation
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Dear Chief Day:

Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

Meegwetch,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

- cc. Nishin Meawasige, Community Development Manager, Serpent River First Nation
Lynn Moreau, Lands & Resources Planner, Serpent River First Nation
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Friday, November 9, 2012

Chief Isadore Day
Serpent River First Nation
48 Indian Road
Cutler, ON P0P 1B0

Dear Chief Day:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Serpent River First Nation to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapiatae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Serpent River First Nation
48 Indian Road
Cutler, Ontario
POB 1B0

Attn: Chief Isadore Day

Dear Chief Day:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Nishin Meawasige, *Director of Operations*, Serpent River FN
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison*, Xeneca



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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48 Indian Road
CUTLER, Ontario
P0P 1B0

Attn: Chief Isadore Day

Dear Chief Day:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned over the printed name and title of Arnold Chan.

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Nishin Meawasige, Director of Operations, Serpent River FN
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July 16, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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48 Indian Road
CUTLER, Ontario
P0P 1B0

Attn: Chief Isadore Day

Dear Chief Day:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Wabagishik on the Vermilion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed the following notice along with the original project description, which may have been provided to you earlier. If this is a repeat of any previously submitted documentation, we apologize for the duplication.

- Notice of Commencement for projects on the Vermilion River
- Project Description for the Wabagishik Rapids project

Xeneca has provided this document for your review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project are greatly valued and appreciated.

As previously provided for, we have earlier submitted to you a copy of the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report"). If you have not already done so, we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

Vanessa Enskaitis
Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development
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E: venskaitis@xeneca.com



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EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e. a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process). At this time, the final EA Report will be provided to your Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uwe Roeper'.

Uwe Roeper
Chief Executive Officer

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cc. Nishin Meawasige, Director of Operations, Serpent River FN

Sheguiandah First Nation

Sheguiandah First Nation
Chief Onville Agouile
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact			Issues		Details		Resolution
Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution	
26-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to make changes that take communities considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Endorse: Revised Wabageshik ACP.		
27-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Posted letter	EA Administration	Providing introduction to Xeneca and the Waterpower Class EA. Identifying provincially identified communities and additional federally identified communities and organizations. Notification of federal process and the project within their area. Included documents to provide overview of stage in project development. Enclosures: Copies of Sagamok Letters - "24Jun10", "8Jul10", "6Sept10", "13Oct10", "25Oct10", "20Dec10". Media Ads for Wabageshik PICs. Stage I Archaeology summaries for Wabageshik Rapids.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Allison Agouille, Band Administrator and she recommends to continue efforts to speak to the Chief in the afternoon.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Called Community again in afternoon (as directed) and will try again at later date.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul 26 Wabageshik ACP Ltr", "12Jul27 Wabageshik Intro Ltr", Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised.		
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Email with attachment	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on the Wabageshik Rapids project beginning August 17-31. Invite communities to share known values with archaeologist. Dean Asinewe will follow up to inquire about interest from members to participate.		
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion, Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.		
4-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to inquire about review of Xeneca correspondence and invite to meet Xeneca.		
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguiandah First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to recent correspondence sent to community, providing hard copy and electronic copy of Wabageshik Rapids Project Description. In event that changes or updates are made to project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to the community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.		

30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabageshik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provides list of items included on the Electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCSS). Panels from most recent PIC have been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, Hard copy of PIC panels for Wabageshik Rapids project.	
31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with reception, the Chief is occupied in meetings and will return the call later.	
1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about information package and letter offering support to review the reports. Invitation to and notification of upcoming First Nation group meeting in Sault Ste Marie.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabageshik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabageshik Rapids PD Rev Document.	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	WINTERKOOT FIRST NATION, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundock-Omni-Kanling First Nation, Wikwemikong Unseated, UCCM, Sheguandah First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting		Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul27 Wabageshik Intro Ltr", "12Nov5 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov9 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER", "12Sept5 Wabageshik PD Ltr".	
9-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	

11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
17-Apr-13	Sheguandah First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Shelba Deer, Receptionist, to explain critical importance of establishing communication to determine if the community is interested in the Wabagshik project. Shelba provided the Chiefs email for further communications.	
23-Apr-13	Sheguandah First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up on email invitation and agenda for Whitefish River FN meeting. Check to see who will be attending. Shelba advises to discuss with band manager, Allison Agoune.	
28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I believe the response letter and attachments have gotten through to Sheguandah and AOK. I sent the material to the Band Manager at AOK. Phil Shantz would like to go into the site with Luke Dalla Bona when he does the field work. Please keep me apprised of plans.	Sure thing Alex, I'm copying Luke so that he is aware that Phil wants to join him for the field visit.
1-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.	We had a few delays on our end but here it is (providing meeting notes). I included your section of action items below the speaking points. If they are good feel free to share among the group.
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agoune) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agoune.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	
31-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I want to invite Shag to participate in a field trip we are planning for mid June and wanted to follow up with Zarah to see if he is available to join the call. Can you give me his email?	
18-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I hit the send button too soon before making sure I had included everybody on the list. Here is the information I just sent out to the participants. Will there be anybody from your community joining us on Thursday?	
08-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing photos and meeting notes from Wabagshik Rapids field trip.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sheguandah First Nation	Posted letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	



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July 26, 2012

Chief Orville Aguonie
Sheguiandah First Nation
PO Box 101
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

Dear Chief Aguonie:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development Inc.
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
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July 27, 2012

Chief Orville Aguonie
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Dear Chief Aguonie:

Welcome to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the following proposed project:

- Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

The Ontario Water Power Class EA process began in 2010 however recent direction from Federal Authorities has included additional communities and organizations for Xeneca to consult with. On the Wabagishik Project, Federal Agencies have identified the following additional communities that are also to be consulted along side with the original provincially identified communities.

Provincially Identified Communities	Additional Federally Identified Communities and Organizations
Sagamok Anishnawbek	Wahnapiatae First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation	Serpent River First Nation
Whitefish Lake First Nation	Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (located at Point Grondine Indian Reserve No. 3)	M'Chigeeng First Nation
North Channel Métis Council	Sheguiandah First Nation
Sudbury Métis Council	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Métis Nation of Ontario	

The Federal process to identify consultation communities encompasses an extensive geographic area that captures a significant number of Aboriginal Communities and Councils. Xeneca appreciates that this delineation may inadvertently identify communities that do not have territorial interest in the project location or who wish to proceed on an information basis only. Xeneca respectfully requests confirmation of your community's interest in this project and the acceptance that we can begin consultation. Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations will be in contact with your community to initiate this dialogue.

Xeneca's Wabagishik Rapids Project is still within project development planning but will enter in to EA review shortly and the opportunity for your community to engage and identify any issues or concerns about the project is at the forefront of our concern.



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Xeneca's information package includes a compilation of notices and associated correspondence. These will provide background information on the project and Xeneca will commit to meeting with your community should this project fall within priority and your community's traditional territory.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for Wabagishik Rapids
- Stage I Archaeology Summaries for Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects and changes may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received. Please note, as the project development continues towards final design, changes occur and Xeneca's duty is to keep your community notified and to seek your input.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 and dassinewe@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's Vice President of Aboriginal Relations & General Counsel, Mr. Arnold Chan at achan@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel



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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:21 PM
To: Orville Aguonie (chiefaguonie@hotmail.ca)
Cc: Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

Meegwetch

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the Sheguiandah Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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September 5, 2012

Chief Orville Aguonie
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Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

Dear Chief Aguonie:

In addition to previous correspondence sent to your Community, please find enclosed a hard copy and electronic version of the following:

❖ Wabageshik Rapids Project Description

In the event changes or updates are made to the project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to your Community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at 705 863-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

c.c. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

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Dear Chief Aguonie:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please to not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Orville Aguonie
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Dear Chief Aguonie:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Friday, November 9, 2012

Chief Orville Aguonie
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Dear Chief Aguonie:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Sheguiandah First Nation to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapiatae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabagishik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 11, 2013

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Attn: Chief Orville Aguonie

Dear Chief Aguonie:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Art Jacko, *Manager, Lands & Resources, UCCMM*
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca*

F N

From: Dean Assinewe
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Shelba Deer
Cc: F N
Subject: invitation for confernece call on Monday 1 PM (tentative) Sheguiandah: Wabagishik
Importance: High
Categories: Shiguiandah

Hi Shelba

I want to invite Shег to participate in a field trip we are planning for mid June (week of 17th) and wanted to follow up with Zareh to see if he is available to join the call.

Can you provide me with his email address?

In the mean time I will include you on the invite

Dean

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From: Dean Assinewe
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Shelba Deer; chief@sheguiandah.com
Cc: F N; Dean Assinewe
Subject: June 20th Wabagishik Field trip summary
Attachments: Wabagishik Field Trip Summary June 26 2013.docx

Categories: Sheguiandah

Good morning Chief Aguonie and Shelba

I want to share my notes to summarize the field trip we went on June 20th

I also have pictures from the day and can send them to you through a program called Dropbox. Please let me know if you would like to see those

Have a great weekend

Dean

From: Dean Assinewe
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 1:25 PM
To: Chief Steve Miller ; Christian Naponse; Robina Kitchemokman; Alex Ker; Rhea Assinewe; Melissa Cooper; Chief Patsy Corbiere; Chief Joe Hare; Art Jacko; Phil Shantz
Cc: Arnold Chan; F N; Dean Assinewe
Subject: Driving directions and agenda for Thursday Field Trip to Wabagishik Project

Good afternoon everybody

Here is the plan for Thursday, including driving directions and weather forecast.

Driving directions to the Wabagishik boat launch area (from Espanola) From Nairn being developed this afternoon for Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

- As you pass over the Spanish River bridge you will take your first right (south) and cross the bridge
- Follow the road that swings back west until you see a sand pit and turn left (south)
- Continue along the road until you get to an intersection (approx 3 km) and continue south
- You come to another intersection but take a right turn (south)
- The road leads to the St. Pierre Farm where we will load up and launch the boats
- Please park on the grass

Thursday June 20th Weather Forecast

A mix of sun and cloud. Low 10. High 22.

- **So far the weather looks good but please pack along rain gear (best to be prepared than soaked)**
- **Bring insect repellent**

Wabagishik Field Trip Agenda

10:00 Meet at the site and load into boats

We should load into boats and depart at from the St. Pierre's Farm and boat over to landing site for hike to Belmers Site

- We have two boats. Depending on final numbers we may have to shuttle back and forth
- It is approximately 5 minute boat ride

10:30 Arrive at Belmers Archaeology Site

- Luke Dalla Bona, Woodland Heritage Services archaeology orientation and tour.
- Luke will discuss protection and management protocols for the Belmer's site

11:00 – Lunch Pray and Water Ceremony

- Elder Genevieve Jacko and Jean Andrews-McGregor will lead in prayer and ceremony.

LUNCH (Sandwiches, bottled water, juices boxes, fruit)

1:00 Tour of proposed development and Q&A

- Uwe Roeper, CEO & Arnold Chan, VP will discuss the proposed site and describe the operation

2:00 Pack up and load into boats and return trip to St. Pierre Farm

2:30 unload boats and departure for home

If you have any questions feel free to call my cell at 705 863 1969.

I look forward to seeing you all there

Dean

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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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Shoguiandah, Ontario
POP 1WO

Attn: Chief Orville Aguonie

Dear Chief Aguonie:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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Sudbury Métis Council

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Contact and Consultation Log

Contact Contact Date	Contractor Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues		Resolution
				Issues	Details	
26-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining process applicant needs to follow, outlining the Applicant of Record process and identifying the local aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Indicating that Xeneca may forward information and requesting community to forward Sudbury district MNR any concerns re: proposed projects.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for Wabageshik Rapids project along with a description of its purpose and intent for review by the community.	
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intent for review by the community.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Notification and invitation to attend the upcoming Allen & Struthers & Wabageshik PICs being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Asinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012	
12-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing update to community with notification that Xeneca has decided additional time is required to further study the effects of project and provide feedback to parties due to number of concerns raised by Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders. Allen and Struthers on slower track for completion in 2013. In coming months Xeneca will hold at least one more PIC and in the interest of community, would be pleased to present project directed to community.	
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to make changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Nov5 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER"	

12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Providing notification and invitation to community to Ivanhoe PIC being held July 26th in Foleyet. Notification of Xeneca's willingness to host community meeting if community prefers. Enclosure: PIC media advertisement FR & ENG.	
13-Jul-12	Sudbury Métis Council	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for reply. Currently working with Brian Tucker and new director Mark Bowler to set up consultation sessions. Have noted your availability date and will see how this works with the schedule and will be in contact with you as we work through this process.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with Attachment	Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystem Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Thank you for invitation. Unfortunately in the Soo for Annual General Assembly. Would like to have team of consultants meet with community in Sept. If possible.	
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Wabageshik ACP ltr, Wabageshik ACP 2012 Revised.	
18-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Métis Nations of Ontario	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Archaeological studies on Wabageshik Rapids project on Vermilion River will be resumed between dates of August 17 - 31. Invite communities to share knowledge and participate in field work. Dean Assinewe will be in touch with community to inquire about participation and to discuss scheduling arrangements and additional details.	
08-Jan-13	Sudbury Métis Council	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing Electronic Copy of MNO package recently sent out. It includes Wabageshik Rapids - Draft Environmental Report. Contact Information for Dean Assinewe is provided for further inquiries.	
9-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA administration	Meeting agenda attached with the E-mail. Phone call set up to discuss the agenda to avoid any surprises.	
21-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email with attachment	EA administration	Meeting agenda discussed in greater detail by both parties.	
11-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting notes provided for the meeting. Encourages Region 5 to make any changes after reviewing the notes.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted letter with attachments	EA Administration	Inquiring about the meetings notes provided before. Requesting a review from the meeting notes. Sets a tentative date for a lunch meeting.	
13-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of archaeological study process.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Asking for a follow-up meeting with the Sudbury committee for further IBA discussions. Prefers a smaller group meeting for next time.	
					Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	

16-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sudbury Métis Council	Posted letter with attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing copy of the Wabageshik Notice of Commencement and Project Description.	

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April 26, 2011

Roger Giroux, President
Sudbury Metis Council
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SUBJECT: Non-Competitive Waterpower Site Release Application for Waterpower Development, Vermilion River, Outlet of Wabageshik Lake, Foster Township, Site 2CF12

Dear Mr. Giroux:

Further to our letter of July 26, 2010 on the subject application, this letter is to advise of the proponent's, Xeneca Power Development Inc., decision to proceed further with the site release process for the proposed water power development at the subject location.

The Local Aboriginal Communities associated with this water power application are:

- Sudbury Metis Council
- North Channel Metis Council
- Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
- Whitefish River First Nation

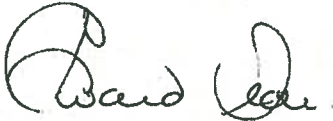
Applicant of Record is the completion of the Site Release process for a potential waterpower project. Applicant of Record grants the applicant the ability to pursue required approvals and permits through an Environmental Assessment for waterpower projects. There is no right, title, interest or tenure associated with Applicant of Record status. Applicant of Record has not been issued for this site.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has agreed to support a concurrent site release and Environmental Assessment process for this application. We have advised the applicant to include your community in their consultation efforts during the Environmental Assessment for this project. The Sudbury District would also like to know about any concerns you may have with the project, specifically whether you anticipate any impacts on your community or the ability to exercise your Aboriginal and/or treaty rights. The information received by the Sudbury District from Aboriginal communities may be

forwarded to the applicant for consideration during the Environmental Assessment process, and will be considered as the Sudbury District seeks to meet its consultation obligations with Aboriginal communities.

If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss your community's interest, please contact Bob Robinson, Project Lead at 705-564-7868 or Rick Reynen, Resource Liaison Officer at 705-564-7847.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Tear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ed" being more prominent than the last name "Tear".

Ed Tear
District Manager
Sudbury District

- c. **Patrick Gillette**, Xeneca
Rick Reynen, MNR Resource Liaison Officer, Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, MNR Project Lead, Sudbury District

July 18, 2011

Roger Giroux, President
Sudbury Metis Council
260 Alder Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Roger Giroux:

Re: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River**
- **Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--GOBZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

c.c. Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE Sudbury
Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury
Luke Dalla Bona, Partner, Woodland Heritage Services
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-HydroSys
Andy Lefebvre, Consultation and Community Relations Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario
Melanie Paradis, Director of Lands, Resources & Consultation, Métis Nation of Ontario

August 18, 2011

Roger Giroux
President
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River authored by Xeneca Power Development. The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Wabagishik Rapids waterpower development on the Vermilion River and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Gillette
President
Xeneca Power Development Inc.



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Subject: Please join us on October 19th & October 20th in your area for Xeneca's PICs
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:57:32 AM
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[Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11.pdf](#)
[Wabagishik PIC EA Review - 20Oct-French.pdf](#)
[Wabagishik PIC-EA Review - 20Oct.pdf](#)

Hello Roger,

Xeneca will be hosting two Public Information Centres (PICs) as a follow up to the previous events held Last January and last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River and the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Xeneca will be holding these information centres on the following dates:

Allen & Struthers

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Alban Community Centre
Hwy 64, Alban

Wabageshik Rapids

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Drive, Espanola

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Notice of Public Information Centre for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Project



After a successful public meeting in Espanola last spring, Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend another Public Information Centre for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids GS waterpower project on the Vermilion River. You will have the opportunity to see the final conceptual plan for the project and zone of influence, which will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment document. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to provide comment.

Please join us on:

**Thursday October 20, 2011
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Dr., Espanola**

For information on the project, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list please contact:

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December 13, 2011

Roger Giroux
Sudbury Métis Council
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Sudbury Métis Council to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

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[Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Sudbury Métis Council members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Sudbury Métis Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

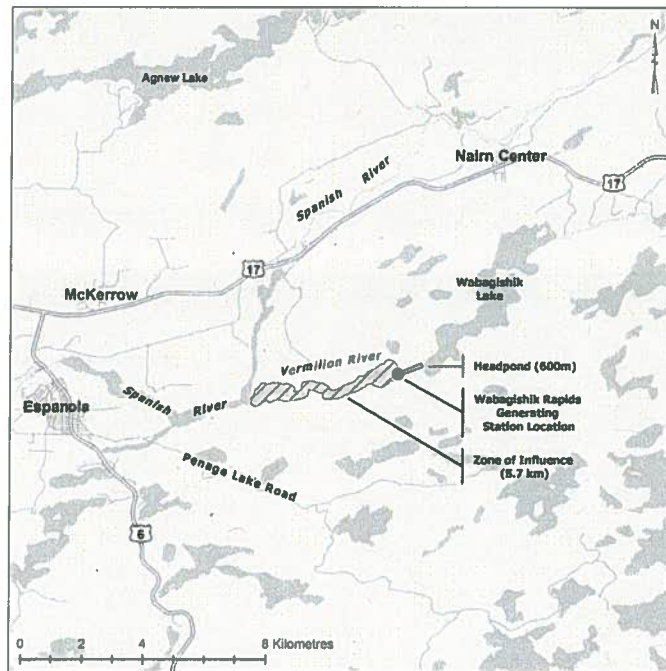
Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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Notice of Public Information Centre for the Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Development



Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend our final Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Wabagishik Rapids project, located on the Vermilion River west of the City of Sudbury and 600 m downstream of Wabagishik Lake. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>.

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You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposals, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Stakeholder Relations & Public Affairs Liaison
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Please join us at the PIC:

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Dr., Espanola**

A further opportunity for public input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.



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July 23, 2012

Mr. Roger Giroux
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Dear Mr. Giroux:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids
Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:43:32 PM

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you Sudbury Métis Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Mr. Roger Giroux
Sudbury Métis Council
260 Alder Street, 2nd Floor
Sudbury, ON P3C 5P4

Dear Mr. Giroux:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Mark Bowler, Director of Lands, Resources and Consultation, Métis Nation of Ontario
Andy Lefebvre, Consultation & Community Relations Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario
Steven Sarrazin, Consultation Assessment Coordinator, Métis Nation of Ontario
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury
Rick Reynen, Resources Liaison Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/ EA Coordinator, MOE
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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

MNO Sudbury Métis Council
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Sudbury, Ontario
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Attn: Roger A. Giroux, President

Dear Mr. Giroux:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation or Métis community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. James Wagar, *Supervisor, Lands & Resources*, MNO
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison*, Xeneca



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July 15, 2013

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Attn: Roger A. Giroux, President

Dear Mr. Giroux:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
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cc. James Wagar, Supervisor, Lands & Resources, MNO
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE



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July 16, 2013

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Attn: Roger A. Giroux, President

Dear Mr. Giroux:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Wabagishik on the Vermilion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed the following notice along with the original project description, which may have been provided to you earlier. If this is a repeat of any previously submitted documentation, we apologize for the duplication.

- Notice of Commencement for projects on the Vermilion River
- Project Description for the Wabagishik Rapids project

Xeneca has provided this document for your review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project are greatly valued and appreciated.

As previously provided for, we have earlier submitted to you a copy of the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report"). If you have not already done so, we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

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EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e. a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process). At this time, the final EA Report will be provided to your Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uwe Roeper', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Uwe Roeper
Chief Executive Officer

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cc. James Wagar, Supervisor, Lands & Resources, MNO

United Chief and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Contact and Consultation Log					
Contact	Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Resolution
		Xeneca Power Development		EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	
	15-Jun-11	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sending Stage I Archaeology Report, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Generation Station Project Natural Environment Characterization Report and Wabageshik Rapids Project Description for review by community.
		Xeneca Power Development		EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	
	26-Jul-12	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to make changes that take communities considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP
		Xeneca Power Development		EA Administration	
	27-Jul-12	UCCM	Posted letter	EA Administration	Providing introduction to Xeneca and the Waterpower Class EA. Identifying provincially identified communities and additional federally identified communities and organizations. Notification of federal process and the project within their area. Included documents to provide overview of stage in project development. Enclosures: Copies of Sagamok Letters - "24Jun10", "8Jul10", "6Sept10", "13Oct10", "25Oct10", "20Dec10", Media Ads for Wabageshik PICs, Stage I Archaeology summaries for Wabageshik Rapids.
		UCCM		Aboriginal Community Considerations	
	25-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Got your message. I will be returning to work August 7th. Please email if you have any questions.
		UCCM		Aboriginal Community Considerations	
	25-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Nahow, baamaapi.
		Xeneca Power Development		Aboriginal Community Considerations	
	10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.
	14-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss Whitefish River First Nation protocol and industry relations. Xeneca will respect and honour Whitefish River First Nation protocol and culture when company management meets with Chief & Council.
	15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on Wabageshik Rapids project beginning August 17-31. Invite communities to share known values with archaeologist. Dean Asinewe will follow up to inquire about interest from members to participate.
		Xeneca Power Development		Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	
	21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion, Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to recent correspondence sent to community, providing hard copy and electronic copy of Wabageshik Rapids Project Description. In event of changes or updates being made to project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to the community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.	
13-Sep-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have received information regarding your project. This information may be related to duty to consult and accommodate position of the First Nations. I do not see the accommodation aspect in the correspondence. Please advise.	I have forwarded your message to Arnold Chan. Would you like to schedule a meeting with Xeneca to discuss the Wabageshik projects and M'Chieeng's interests?
21-Sep-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I think that a meeting with the First Nations all together as they are listed on the consultation sheet should be arranged. I have talked to several of them and they are in agreement to this approach.	
25-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River First N	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left voice mail for Art and spoke to his assistant, Iris Corbiere. Want to follow up to Chief Joe here's request to work with UCCM to plan a meeting for group of First Nations to discuss project	Following up to phone call. Chief Joe is recommending I work with you to set up this meeting for the communities. I would like to set up a call or meet with you RE: how to best approach this and organize tasks.
2-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message with assistant Iris Corbiere and left message with Art's voice mail to return call regarding planning for Wabageshik First Nation group meeting.	
09-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, M'Chieeng First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to phone calls placed to Art's office to inform him of Xeneca's support of the meeting with FN's listed on the project. Makes send that joint invitation should come from UCCM or perhaps Chief Joe's Community. Providing elaboration on Xeneca's efforts to date to engage communities. Notification that Whitefish River FN is working with Xeneca to set up meeting and working with their protocols to build a relationship. Have yet to meet with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. Have meeting set up later this month with Wikwemikong. Xeneca has met several times with Sagamok and understand Chief Eshkakogan is also supportive with group meeting. Have been working to raise awareness of the group FN meeting. Would be happy to work with you to put agenda together and decide on date and location and can also put together the invitations to the meeting.	Just to let you know, we are attempting to set up a meeting with other First Nations to discuss Xeneca. It is our understanding that Xeneca is willing to cover meeting cost, what is required from us to provide to Xeneca?
11-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message with Iris Corbiere to begin planning for meeting.	
15-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Art Jacko is away from the office. Gain information about United Chief & Council Mniidoo Minsing, membership and Board of Directors.	
15-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, M'Chieeng First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Inquiring about possibility of meeting all Chiefs at once for a mass meeting. Xeneca can do a presentation on Wabageshik, but the agenda should be developed cooperatively so that everyone's needs are met. It will be left up to Chiefs or their representatives to discuss issue of shared territory.	

30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabageshik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provided list of items included on the Electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCSS). Panels from more recent PIC has been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, Hard copy of PIC panels for Wabageshik Rapids project.	
			Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about the Wabageshik information package being sent out in advance of the EA submission. Also called Art's cell phone and left similar message.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising	Posted letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabageshik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
06-Nov-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chiefs from UCCM have been invited to meeting Nov 13. Request to confirm meeting place. How will costs incurred by chiefs in attendance be covered. Will lunch be provided.	
06-Nov-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for letter. What would assist the FNs further is the pro forma of project(s). Believe this was discussed at meeting with Whitefish River and would be sent over to Access Capital. Can you confirm this has been done - if not when will it be provided.	
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Financial Team is working on many of the issues that were raised by George during initial cut from one of the other projects. Are committed to forwarding an updated version with original one-page model. Providing overview of the 50-50 economic participation model with number of complications which need to be addressed (elaboration described in email)	
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabageshik Rapids PD Rev Document	
12-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss upcoming meeting; unsure of number of participants for UCCM but advises to have rooms set aside for community representatives.	

13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundek-Omni-Kaning First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded, UCCM, Shegungandah First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development United Chiefs and Councils of Mnido Mnsing	Email with attachment	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Jul27 Wabageshik Intro Ltr", "12Nov05 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov09 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER" "12Sept15 Wabageshik PD Ltr"	Aboriginal Community Considerations
23-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	Just want to check to see if you sent in your travel form for your reimbursement? If you want you can scan it and email it to me.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	UCCMM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	(Multiple calls) Art received a call from Linda Heron, Vermillion River Stewardship to advise of the blasting occurring at Wabageshik Rapids. Art Jacko recommended a stop work order until proper notification and consultation occurs with Whitefish River.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	UCCMM MNR, Xeneca Power Development	Email	We received information today that Xeneca has a crew at Wabageshik Rapids and are blasting in the area. We are asking if this info is correct. We also ask if you can respond back today.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	MNR UCCMM		Our staff have also received a note about this. We are aware that Xeneca was proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations at the Wabageshik Rapids to support data collection for the EA assessment. My understanding is that this work involved drilling small holes in the rock and setting off small charges that could be monitored at various locations throughout the site to determine bedrock stability, etc. it was not actual construction work or blasting of material. We're currently working to determine what is happening at the site and whether authorization was required.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	UCCMM MNR	Email	We were not aware that seismic testing was going to take place and this is of concern as it impacts the land. I did speak to Dean and asked for this to stop immediately until we have a better understanding. I am also asking you for this work to be stopped until we have a better understanding.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development UCCMM, MNR	Email	I recommend that we meet with Art to gain a better understanding of the concerns related to communication and lack of notification. Art is clear about his concerns about the impact of the testing and recommendation to stop the work. I have copied Uwe Roeper to address the situation and work towards a solution.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development UCCMM, MNR	Email	I have asked our consultant to stop work on the geophysical field testing. We were not aware that this work would be as noisy and disruptive to nearby residents as it seems to have been and we regret this. Explanation of geophysical tests. We were told that this work is generally considered to be non-intrusive and non-destructive. However, it does seem to be loud. We regret any disturbance that may have occurred.	Aboriginal Community Considerations
05-Dec-12	United Chief & Council Mnido Mnsing Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Leave message about information packaged about the geophysical testing and working with Xeneca engineer to put together information (video) about the work.	Aboriginal Community Considerations

09-Jan-13	United Chief & Council Mniidoo Mising	Phone	Leave message to check to see if he received the financial model and what the next steps should be. Did he send the financial model to George Cholakis, Access Capital?	
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	In Toronto this week are you available to meet?	
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	I can't make it because of family matter. I can definitely patch in by phone if you can meet with Arnold.	Thursday morning or late afternoon on Friday after 11.
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	Ok. Let's go for Thursday morning. Is there anything in terms of agenda items we should scope and prepare for?	Suggest just an update on the project. What time?
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	10am work for you?	Ten works. Where? I am at the Delta Chelsea.
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	Giving directions to Xeneca office.	
16-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	After checking my meeting location for Thursday morning at 11, I won't be able to make it to the 10am meeting. I am willing to meet if we can meet at the Delta or somewhere close to King St.	No problem Art, I'll see what I can do about getting the guys to meet you downtown on Thursday afternoon.
16-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development, UCCM	Email	Arnold will be able to meet you at the Delta tomorrow morning for breakfast at 8:30am. I just got word that Uwe is off to Kirkland Lake and Sudbury this afternoon for meetings. Arnold Chan's contact card is included in the email.	Sounds good, thanks.
16-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	I'll meet you in the restaurant at the hotel for 8:30am. If there is a problem, just send me an email or call my cell.	
13-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	I wanted to follow up and see how your consultation has been going with the Women Elders about the possibility of an invitation of a spring visit to the Wabageshik Rapids site to learn more about the water in this area.	Correcting Arnold Chan's Ojibwe.
13-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Email	I'm still learning! Thanks Dean!	Not a problem Arnold, I know you meant well. Have sent a message to the grandmothers, waiting to hear a reply. I will be meeting with them very soon.
14-Feb-13	United Chief & Council Mniidoo Mising	Phone	Leave message about financial model evaluation progress with Access Capital.	
14-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM, Xeneca Power Development	Email	I now appreciate the difference between Cree and Ojibwe! Thanks Art for your understanding and for your efforts with the grandmothers.	
26-Mar-13	Whitefish River First Nation & UCCMM	Phone	Left message on office and cell phone to request meeting to begin planning field trip with elders/waterkeepers.	
09-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	

11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development UCCM	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Onni-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Sheguiandah's admin assistant, Shelba, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.	That's great!
23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.	
3-May-13	Xeneca Power Development Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to last week's conversation. Want to begin planning field trip for June. Hoping to establish date that can be available to go on site. Access by boat raises level of logistics. Would like to organize meeting early next week to determine support and equipment we will need. So far I know elders Gene Jacko and Jean Andrews-McGregor will participate.	Thanks Dean. I hope this goes well!
15-May-13	Xeneca Power Development Whitefish River First Nation, UCCM	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Want to continue planning June's field trip. I can set up a teleconference and schedule a time that fits your calendars. Please let me know when is a good time for a call or for me to come see you.	
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agoulie) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agoulie.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo M'ising	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:	Wabagishik G.S.	
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):	United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising	
Date:	23-Sep-13	
Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record
Concerned over the accommodation of the First Nations in relation to the project.	13-Sep-12	A meeting was arranged in order to discuss concerns with all First Nation communities potentially impacted by the Project Development, including UCCMM. This meeting was held on November 13, 2012, during which time the issue of accommodation was discussed. The meeting also discussed a strategy to determine how the group would collaborate on a joint review of the environmental assessment, archaeology and economic participation model.
Not informed of blasting happening at Wabagishik Rapids, requests that it be stopped until the Community understands what is being done.	30-Nov-12	Work was stopped immediately after concerns were raised. No more work has been completed. Follow up was completed with UCCMM and the two communities who also submitted complaints and commitments to submit proper advance notification and communication prior to commencement of the work in the future. The remaining work was deferred until the construction period.



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July 26, 2012

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 Highway 551
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Dear United Chiefs:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

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July 27, 2012

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Dear United Chiefs:

Welcome to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the following proposed project:

- Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

The Ontario Water Power Class EA process began in 2010 however recent direction from Federal Authorities has included additional communities and organizations for Xeneca to consult with. On the Wabagishik Project, Federal Agencies have identified the following additional communities that are also to be consulted along side with the original provincially identified communities.

Provincially Identified Communities	Additional Federally Identified Communities and Organizations
Sagamok Anishnawbek	Wahnapiatae First Nation
Whitefish River First Nation	Serpent River First Nation
Whitefish Lake First Nation	Aundeck Omni-Kaning First Nation
Wiwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve (located at Point Grondine Indian Reserve No. 3)	M'Chigeeng First Nation
North Channel Métis Council	Sheguiandah First Nation
Sudbury Métis Council	United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Métis Nation of Ontario	

The Federal process to identify consultation communities encompasses an extensive geographic area that captures a significant number of Aboriginal Communities and Councils. Xeneca appreciates that this delineation may inadvertently identify communities that do not have territorial interest in the project location or who wish to proceed on an information basis only. Xeneca respectfully requests confirmation of your community's interest in this project and the acceptance that we can begin consultation. Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations will be in contact with your community to initiate this dialogue.

Xeneca's Wabagishik Rapids Project is still within project development planning but will enter in to EA review shortly and the opportunity for your community to engage and identify any issues or concerns about the project is at the forefront of our concern.



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Xeneca's information package includes a compilation of notices and associated correspondence. These will provide background information on the project and Xeneca will commit to meeting with your community should this project fall within priority and your community's traditional territory.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for Wabagishik Rapids
- Stage I Archaeology Summaries for Vermilion River: Wabagishik Rapids

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects and changes may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received. Please note, as the project development continues towards final design, changes occur and Xeneca's duty is to keep your community notified and to seek your input.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 and dassinewe@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's Vice President of Aboriginal Relations & General Counsel, Mr. Arnold Chan at achan@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel



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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:19 PM
To: 'Art Jacko'
Cc: Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; 'trevor.griffin@ontario.ca'; 'Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca'; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:45 PM
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Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the United Chiefs & Council of Mnidoo Mnising Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Mr. Art Jacko, Manager of Lands & Resources
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 Highway 551
PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Dear Mr. Jacko:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Mr. Art Jacko, Manager of Lands & Resources
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
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M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Dear Mr. Jacko:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Friday, November 9, 2012

Mr. Art Jacko, Manager of Lands & Resources
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
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Dear Mr. Jacko:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapitae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

United Chief and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
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Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Mr. Recollet:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Art Jacko, *Manager, Lands & Resources, UCCMM*
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca*



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

United Chief and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 Highway 551 P.O. Box 275
M'Chigeeng, Ontario
POP 1G0

Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Mr. Recollet:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Arnold Chan", written over a circular blue stamp.

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Art Jacko, Manager, Lands & Resources, UCCMM
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE

Union of Ontario Indians

Union Of Ontario Indians - Anishnawbek Territory

Contact and Consultation Log						
Contact	Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details
						Resolution
6-Jan-12		Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Jason provides notification that Grand Chief Mahdabee may request a meeting with Patrick Gillette. Will advise Patrick Gillette of potential meeting with the Grand Chief.
13-Jan-12		Xeneca Power Development	Lake Huron Chiefs	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for call re: UOI interest in Xeneca projects. Patrick Gillette, President would like to welcome opportunity to meet with Grand Chief Mahdabee to discuss projects in Anishnawbek Territory. Are able to meet at North Bay office, but would like to also extend invite to meet at Xeneca's North York office.
19-Jan-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Writing to confirm phone number, would like to discuss proposed leadership meeting with Xeneca. Please confirm.
19-Jan-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Proposed meeting at Whitefish Lake First Nation February 21st - February 22nd. Look forward to response.
19-Jan-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing meeting venue particulars. Agenda to follow in next week.
19-Jan-12		Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Identify First Nation participation at UOI Robinson Huron Leadership meeting at White Fish Lake First Nation. Rhonda will supply agenda before the meeting.
23-Jan-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Ministry of Natural Resources	Email		Invitation to participate in face - to - face meeting with Xeneca and selected Huron Chiefs on February 21, 2012 in Whitefish Lake First Nation from 1 - 4. Meeting to allow leadership to discuss with Xeneca the various projects within the Anishnawbek Territory. Leadership feels beneficial for MNR representatives to participate on February 21st. Agenda to follow in coming weeks.
01-Feb-12		Ministry of Natural Resources	Lake Huron Chiefs	Email		Thank you for invitation. Staff from Sudbury MNR office available to discuss local projects in District. Ed Tear (DM) not available; Bruce Richard (Planning & Information Supervisor) will be attending.
09-Feb-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Finalizing agenda this week. Should get copy by Monday at latest.
13-Feb-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for leadership meeting with Xeneca taking place February 21st at Whitefish Lake First Nation. Enclosure: Draft agenda for leadership meeting with Xeneca Feb 21 2012.
21-Feb-12		Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians, MNR	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leadership meeting with Xeneca.
09-Mar-12		Xeneca Power Development	Lake Huron Chiefs	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing meeting notes taken at meeting on February 21st 2012 at Atikamekw Anishnawbek. Did not have names of all participants, was hoping you could provide me the list. Please review notes and add any content or clarification. Enclosure: "Leadership meeting with Xeneca".
19-Mar-12		Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Returning from holidays. Have received email and request. Hope you have request finalized by Friday.
						Friendly reminder about meeting notes from Feb, requesting help with names of individuals in attendance.

24-Apr-12	Lake Huron Chiefs	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Apologies for delay. Providing attached list of attendees. Any questions, available all week in office.	Incorporated list and if there are no further comments or additions, have finalized notes and attached them to this email. At meeting, main issues at table pointed at province & MNR - any development or discussion to share? Xeneca management willing to continue to meet with leadership and determine best approach for all parties who want to benefit from projects.
21-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to follow up on February meeting at Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and how to move forward with First Nations in the territory.	
10-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss jurisdiction issue with the Province and if there is direction from the UOI.	
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notice that archaeological studies on the Wabagishik have resumed.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Union of Ontario Indians	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Update to archaeological study schedule. Stage III studies will take place if the site cannot be avoided.	
09-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	

Wahnapitae First Nation

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Chief Ted Roque

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24-Jun-10	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN Community of Xeneca's projects within their area, requesting ongoing communication re: concerns/ requests, and providing contact information for Xeneca.	
8-Jul-10	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN community of Class EA process, government funding processes, intent for FN communications, and traditional knowledge studies.	
16-Sep-10	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invite to participate in Archeological study.	
20-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Wabageshik PD - Invitation to attend coordination meeting.	
11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted letter with attachments	EA Administration Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing summary reports of Stage I Archeological studies.	
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements, and a CD containing electronic copies of PD's.	
8-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to call. Xeneca is prepared to meet with Chief and council on return. Please advise upcoming dates when Chief and council can meet.	Back from Mongolia. Will check Chief and Councils schedule and advise.
23-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Anything on the books to meet with council?	
28-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Friendly reminder. Please advise dates to meet with Chief and council.	
9-Aug-11	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations		
10-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Had good meeting with Chief and Council. Left behind package with presentation, generic MOU, Non Disclosure Agreement and data sheets related to project. Chief Tyson noted action item, requesting Peter to provide Xeneca with Wahnapiitae's policy on development. Will prepare meeting notes and forward for files.	
24-Aug-11	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter stating the importance of acknowledging and respecting the policies and guidelines of Wahnapiitae FN. Providing attachment of community Resource Development Policy outlining importance of section 5.0. Letters and follow-up do not formulate effective consultation or imply consent to identified projects. Projects impact traditional territories, requesting archaeological and geospatial information electronically.	Acknowledgement of letter received from community. Confirming the importance that First Nation Community consultation and engagement and Xeneca's appreciation of community's participation in the process. Request for documentation is being reviewed by legal council as to Xeneca's ability to share this information. Xeneca is currently drafting a response and will be in touch shortly.

26-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to make changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul26 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion, Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	
5-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	In addition to previous correspondence sent to your Community. Please find attached hard copy & electronic copy of the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Enclosure: Wabageshik Rapids PD.	
10-Sep-12	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will be sending formal letter but no interest.	
10-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to letter and attachments regarding Wabageshik Rapids project sent few weeks ago to determine Wahnapiitae's level of interest with project. Providing letters again for consideration. Requesting time to meet, providing schedule details. Enclosure: 12Jul26 Wabageshik ACP Ltr. 12Sept05 Wabageshik PD Ltr.	
17-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Postpone lunch meeting due to family matters. Will contact Peter again for availability to discuss project in near future.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabageshik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provides list of items included on the Electronic CD copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage 2 Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCGS). Panels from more recent PIC have been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, hard copy of PIC panels for Wabageshik Rapids project.	

1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to notify of information package being sent to the community. Notification of and invitation to upcoming meeting to Wabagishik First Nation meeting in Sault Ste. Marie.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabagishik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.	
9-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabagishik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community. Enclosure: Wabagishik Rapids PD Rev Document.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Ju26 Intro Ltr", "12Nov05 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Nov09 Wabagishik PD Rev Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabagishik Draft ER", "12Sept05 Wabagishik PD Ltr".	
11-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Stated that Peter Recollet will draft letter related to community interest re: Wabagishik Project.	
9-Apr-13	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	During networking at the conference met Chief Roque and discussed the interest in Wabagishik Project. The Chief indicated Wahnapiitae is respectful of Whitefish Lake FN Territory and will not "step on toes" but remains interested in opportunities that may come out of development.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wahnapiitae First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	

June 10, 2010

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapitae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON POM 1H0

Wabageshik
Corres. -F.N.

Dear Chief Ted Roque:

By way of introduction, Xeneca Power Development ("Xeneca") is a leading, independent company created to develop environmentally responsible renewable energy projects. Under the recent *Green Energy Act* ("GEA"), the Government of Ontario is encouraging the development of renewable and cleaner forms of energy production to replace aging energy infrastructure and to eliminate dirty coal power. Under programs developed by the government, Xeneca was awarded Feed-in-Tariff contracts for 19 projects throughout Ontario, and has a further 14 projects that are currently in production reserve.

As President of Xeneca, we wish to enter into respectful and meaningful discussion with your Community about these projects that include:

- Allen and Struthers
- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik
- McPherson Falls

To address environmental concerns, Xeneca is preparing the necessary documents for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower projects ("Class EA"). Advancing to the Class EA in no way guarantees a project will be built but it does develop the information required for the issuance of permits and approvals. The Class EA will include draft project descriptions that Xeneca will forward to your Community in order to solicit initial comments. Hopefully, this will create a broader understanding of the projects and elicit comment and suggestions prior to wider regional consultation. Please advise what other information you require and Xeneca will do its best to address that need.

Xeneca will shortly engage in Class EA consultation, which will provide the Wahnapitae Community a full understanding of the environmental, cultural and socioeconomic issues; and provide the opportunity to engage Xeneca with comments and concerns on projects within Wahnapitae Traditional lands. Xeneca has contacted the various Federal and Provincial Ministries concerning Aboriginal consultation on our projects, but any assistance you can provide would be very much appreciated in isolating projects within the Traditional lands. If you have any issues or concerns you may wish to also contact the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure ("MEI") that is the "One Window" for this process.

The purpose of the Class EA is to also engage all levels of government, including the Wahnapiatae Community, in this multi-year process (averages 18 months) so all issues of concern are addressed. If your Community has a preferred consultation policy please advise us of the means and manner in which you would like to proceed once the Crown has isolated the projects that affect Wahnapiatae Traditional lands. Any insights you can provide in advance of the Crown process would be very much appreciated.

As these projects are in the very early stages, and we have only recently been enabled to share preliminary information and will continue to do so as it becomes available. Xeneca has begun the process of posting information to our website at www.xeneca.com. Information includes:

- Project information that is updated regularly.
- Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation and business practices.
- Outlines of, and links to, government programs that provide information and/or funding programs.

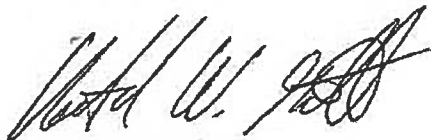
Additionally, the Crown, under a separate process for Projects on Crown lands, is determining Communities eligible for benefits under the GEA and Ministry of Natural Resource ("MNR") 2010 policy, and, once MNR has completed that process, they may be contacting your office. Please direct any queries to Ed Tear, District Manager, Sudbury MNR, and to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI). MEI is responsible under GEA for Aboriginal benefits related to FIT contracts. You may also want to review the various government programs related to FIT projects.

If the Wahnapiatae Community is eligible for benefits, Xeneca will engage in a separate, parallel set of discussions that include partnerships or benefits sharing. Xeneca will be leveraging the Class EA process to provide the necessary due-diligence information to those Communities that engage in benefit or partnership discussions, and this will occur in parallel with the Class EA process. Xeneca can commence this process once MNR informs Xeneca of the Communities eligible for benefits and allows Xeneca to proceed.

The principals of the company have long been supporters of working closely with Aboriginal Peoples and have developed numerous relationships throughout Ontario. Xeneca is seeking your input and possible participation as we enter this five year process.

Thank you for your kind consideration and please direct your initial queries to Vanesa Enskaitis at venskaitis@xeneca.com or (416) 590-9362 ext. 104.

Yours truly,



Patrick W. Gillette
President and COO

Cc: MNR District Manager:
Ed Tear – Sudbury Ministry of Natural Resources



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September 16, 2010

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapiatae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

As you are aware, recent notices, letters and newspaper advertisements have been posted in regard to Xeneca Power Development's proposal to build a waterpower facility in proximity to your Community.

The projects of interest to you and your Community are:

- Allen and Struthers
- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik Rapids
- McPherson Falls

By now, your Community should have received from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources notification of our proposed project(s). Additionally, you should have also received correspondence from Xeneca providing contact names and numbers, basic information about the proposed projects and the development process, as well as an invitation to visit our website for regular updates.

Xeneca fully respects First Nations treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and, as such, we endeavor to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation in the development process.

Communities with interest in our projects need information in order that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any development is conducted in a way that strikes an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or an appropriate member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

Archeological studies are normally conducted under four phases. Phase One studies provide an overview based mainly on historical record and are quite preliminary in nature. When completed, we would be pleased to send these to your Community for review and comment. The remaining phases (Phase 2, 3 or 4, if required, would include an inspection or possibly extensive digging at the project site and your presence (or an assigned representative) would be essential at these phases of the work.

Typically, all projects will require a Phase Two study which involves on-the-ground investigation and would greatly benefit from input from members of your Community. Phase 2 involves some sampling of soils. Phase 3 and 4, if required, can include extensive digging and possibly removal of artifacts. Copies of the Phase Two report will also be sent to your Community for review and comment. A recommendation from the archeologist on the need for Phase 3 and 4 would be contained in the Phase 2 report. The Phase 2 report would be shared with you and your views on any further work would be sought.

Should a significant archeological find be uncovered during the Phase Two investigation, your Community would be consulted on the preferred means to move forward.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, through phone (705-863-1969) or e-mail, dassinewe@xeneca.com. Mark Holmes, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, along with Dean and the archeologist will ensure the work is done thoroughly and meets your needs as well the quality requirements from the Ministry of Culture.

Best regards,

Patrick W. Gillette
President & COO

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CC - Gerry Webber, Coordinator, Northern Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Ed Tear, Sudbury District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources

October 13, 2010

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapitae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

RE: Invitation to Attend Public Information Centres.

As promised in previous correspondence to your Community, Xeneca Power Development is writing to inform your Community that Public Information Centres (PICs) are being set up in your area with respect to the following proposed waterpower developments:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River

As you may be aware, Xeneca has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the above noted projects. Public Information meetings are an important part of that process.

Xeneca invites you to attend our Public Information Centre where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide your input to our project team. Please join us on:

Wanapitei River Project:

Thursday, November 18th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Killarney Veteran's Memorial Hall
52 Charles Street, Killarney

Vermillion River Projects:

Monday, November 22nd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Fielding Memorial Park
345 Fielding Road, Lively

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Fielding Memorial Park
345 Fielding Road, Lively

Your Community's participation in the PICs is greatly valued, as is First Nations engagement in archeological, environmental and social-economic aspects of the projects. Communities with interest in our projects need information so that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any future development is conducted in a way to provide an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Overall, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administrated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued through the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on potential impacts and viability for each of the projects. The Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as any additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

We will be posting information regarding our projects, access to information and government programs on our website at www.xeneca.com. Xeneca will also be working with the Aboriginal Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects Aboriginal treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and endeavors to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation throughout the development process.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or as designated member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

If there are questions or comments regarding the Public Information session, the undersigned can be contacted at any of the numbers listed on our letterhead. If there is an interest to participate in the archeological studies or additional Class EA components of the projects within your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison via phone at (705) 863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
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October 25, 2010

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapitae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

Your Community will have recently received an October 13th notice and invitation to attend Public Information Centres (PICs) regarding our proposed waterpower developments:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River

Please be advised that Xeneca Power Development will be rescheduling the Public Information Centre to which your community has been invited. We fully expect to confirm dates for January or early February and will provide advance notice. The change in meeting date will provide the necessary time to address government agency comments and further develop information related to our projects.

In the meantime, we continue to seek your Community's input on archaeological studies being conducted around the above noted sites, and we invite you to visit our website at www.xeneca.com for project information, updates and notices.

If you have questions please contact the undersigned, or Vanesa Enskaitis at any of the numbers provided in our letterhead.

We look forward to meeting the members of your Community in the coming weeks.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Holmes", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

December 20, 2010

Chief Myles Tyson
Wahnapitae First Nation
36 Loonway Rd.
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Tyson:

Welcome to the start-up activities on development of the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the proposed projects:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermilion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermilion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermilion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River

This first step of the EA process is intended to establish the initial conceptual design, start a dialogue on regulatory approval requirements and initiate public consultation and Aboriginal engagement in the Class EA process. To this purpose, Xeneca and its consultants from OEL-HydroSys Inc. are pleased to present you with the Project Description for this proposed project.

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the "footprint" of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received.

In the early stages of this engagement process, a proponent-led EA coordination meeting will be undertaken with key government agencies and your community to coordinate an integrated planning process and to identify environmental concerns and diverse regulatory and management planning requirements that may be associated with the proposed project. This document is intended to assist you in preparing for this engagement process. A detailed list of the federal and provincial regulatory agencies, municipalities, and Aboriginal communities which are receiving a copy of this document directly is included within the document. We will be contacting this distribution group shortly to inquire as to their availability for participation in a Class EA Coordination meeting for this proposed small-scale waterpower development project. Please indicate if you or the Community you represent have interest in participating in this coordination meeting.

The general public and other groups are also invited to review this document. The document will be provided to these parties through postings on the Xeneca website or, upon request, by direct mail. If you require additional copies of this document you may access our FTP site by completing the following instructions:



An attached word document guide will assist you with the download process. You will need to activate passive mode in your Internet Explorer browser to be able to access the FTP site behind our corporate firewall.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact OEL-HydroSys Inc. Environmental Assessment Manager, Ms. Tami Sugarman at (613) 839-1453 Ext. 229 and tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca or Xeneca's Manager of Environmental Studies and Assessment, Edmond Laratta, at (416) 590-9362 ext. 106 and elaratta@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's President, Mr. Patrick Gillette at pgillette@xeneca.com or Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Mr. Dean Assinewe at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

c.c. Peter Recollet, Director of Sustainable Development

May 11, 2011

Chief Myles Tyson
Wahnapiatae First Nation
36 Loonway Rd.
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Tyson,

Re: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River**
- **At Soo Crossing project on the Vermilion River**
- **Cascade Falls project on the Vermilion River**
- **McPherson Falls project on the Vermilion River**
- **Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, At Soo Crossing Hydroelectric Project, FIT--QW913, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Cascade Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--PVFYK, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, McPherson Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--ANIT2, Township of Creighton, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--GOBZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

c.c. Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE Sudbury
Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury
Luke Della Bona, Partner, Woodland Heritage Services
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-HydroSys



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May 13, 2011

Chief Myles Tyson
Wahnapitae First Nation
36 Loonway Road
Capreol, ON POM 1H0

Dear Chief Tyson:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Allen & Struthers on the Wanapitei River
Cascade Falls on the Vermillion River
At Soo Crossing on the Vermillion River
Wabagishik on the Vermillion River
McPherson Falls on the Vermillion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed a compilation of the following notices and past correspondence.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for the project on the Wanapitei River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- A CD containing the electronic copies of the Project Descriptions for the Xeneca Projects indicated above

Xeneca has provided these documents for your continued review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project(s) are greatly valued and appreciated.

As we prepare the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report") we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

Vanesa Enskaitis
Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-9362 X 104
F: 416-590-9955
E: venskaitis@xeneca.com

Enclosed is a draft Aboriginal Consultation Plan ("ACP") that outlines a starting point on how Xeneca wishes to engage during and after the submission of the EA Report, which will be also provided to the Crown. Overall the concept is to continue engagement to project Commissioning and thereafter if desired by the Community. As noted in the ACP there are many future opportunities after the EA Report to engage.

EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e., a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process) at this time the EA Report will be provided to the Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel that have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

Separate from the EA Report, Phase II – Phase III Archeological studies will commence in the field and staff will follow-up on Community engagement in this process and the need for further consultation. If your Community has been identified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as a Community that is entitled to benefits from the project, a project datasheet (is enclosed or will be sent). If the Community is unsure of its status please contact the local District MNR office. The datasheet is designed to outline a process to continue/commence engagement in benefit discussions and that the EA Report contributes to the due-diligence process. If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick W. Gillette
President/ COO
Xeneca Power Development



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September 5, 2012

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapitae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

In addition to previous correspondence sent to your Community, please find enclosed a hard copy and electronic version of the following:

❖ Wabageshik Rapids Project Description

In the event changes or updates are made to the project, a document outlining these changes will be sent to your Community to ensure current and up to date information is delivered in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at 705 863-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

c.c. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Peter Recollet, Wahnapitae First Nation
Cheryl Recollet, Wahnapitae First Nation
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapiatae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - DRAFT Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Ted Roque
Wahnapitae First Nation
PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON POM 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Friday, November 9, 2012

Chief Ted Roque
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PO Box 1119
Capreol, ON P0M 1H0

Dear Chief Roque:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached the December 2011 updated Project Description package which contains updated information for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River. As a newly added Community to list of Aboriginal Communities for the proposed development, Xeneca is committed to providing you with all the available information to help provide the tools necessary to accurately assess any potential impacts you feel the project may have.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Wahnapiatae First Nation to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project. In October 2011, the Federal authorities provided a list of communities identified as those with a potential interest in the project. As identified in recent



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correspondence, the following communities were then added to the list of Communities local to the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project:

- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Serpent River First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
- Wahnapiatae First Nation

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabagishik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Wahnapitae First Nation
36 Loon Way Road
Capreol, Ontario
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Attn: Chief Ted Roque

Dear Chief Roque:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Arnold Chan', written over a circular stamp.

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Peter Recollet, Director of Sustainable Development, Wahnapiatae FN
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison*, Xeneca



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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36 Loon Way Road
Capreol, Ontario
P0M 1H0

Attn: Chief Ted Roque

Dear Chief Roque:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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Whitefish Lake First Nation

Atkametcheng Anishnaubek First Nation (Whitefish Lake First Nation)
Chief Edward Steven Miller
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact			Issues			Contact and Consultation Log	
Contact Date	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution	
14-Jun-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN Community of Xeneca's projects within their area, requesting ongoing communication re: concerns/ requests, and providing contact information for Xeneca.		
8-Jul-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notifying FN community of Class EA process, government funding processes, intent for FN communications, and traditional knowledge studies.		
16-Sep-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Invite to participate in Archeological Study.		
13-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	EA Administration	PIC Invite.		
15-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Notification of PIC rescheduling.		
20-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Wabageshik PD, Allen & Struthers PD - Invitation to attend coordination meeting.		
11-Dec-10	Aaron DeLor - Barrister & Solicitor	Xeneca Power Development	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief & Council of Atkametcheng Anishnaubek invite Xeneca to undertake engagement discussions.		
2-Feb-11	Xeneca Power Development	Aaron DeLor - Barrister & Solicitor	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Acknowledgement of receipt of Dec. 16 letter. Xeneca is prepared to facilitate discussions but not in substitution of the Crown's obligations. Request for further clarification of Atkametcheng Working Group.		
11-Apr-11	Aaron DeLor - Barrister & Solicitor	Ministry of Natural Resources	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for engagement as per treaty agreements.		
16-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining the process applicant needs to follow and identified aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Requesting information by Aug 31, 2011 as to efforts Xeneca has made to engage with FN community.		
11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing summary reports of Stage I Archaeological Study.		
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements and a CD containing electronic copies of PD's.		
19-May-11	Atkametcheng Anishnaubek (WFL First Nation)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Introduction and update on projects and invitation to meet with Chief and Council and Atkametcheng Anishnaubek Boundary Claim Negotiation Team (AABCNT).		
14-May-11	Atkametcheng Anishnaubek (WFL First Nation)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Follow up call to introduction and update on projects and invitation to meet with Chief and Council and Atkametcheng Anishnaubek Boundary Claim Negotiation Team. Christian was in a meeting. Will call back tomorrow.		
25-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting to set up a date with the AABCNT to meet with Patrick Gillette, Arnold Chan & Dean Ashnewe to share information about the projects and discuss approach to move forward in a respectful manner. Providing contact information.		
15-May-11	Atkametcheng Anishnaubek (WFL First Nation)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Discussion and back ground information on AABCNT roles and responsibilities and availability for future meeting. Stated that they prefer to have initial meeting with MNR and then with Xeneca.		
7-Jun-11	Atkametcheng Anishnaubek (WFL First Nation)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Coordinate for initial meeting. Community decides it will meet with MNR first before Xeneca.		
4-Jul-11	Atkametcheng Anishnaubek (WFL First Nation)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Follow up to invite to meet with President. No decision yet and still waiting on preliminary MNR meeting.		
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake FN	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plans for the Wabageshik Rapids project & the Serpent River projects along with a description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.		
13-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnaubek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Paul has expressed interest in meeting with Chief Miller to talk about the opportunity Xeneca is proposing at project locations on the Vermilion. Providing invitation and location information. Please confirm if September 1st at 10:30am works and details can be confirmed for meeting and travel.		

25-Aug-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	September 1st is not good, other commitments that date. Week of September 18th would be good.	Thank you for speedy reply. Will check availability with everyone and get back to you tomorrow.
26-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Miller available week of September 18th. Can we work around Tues, Wed or Thursday? 10:30am or 1pm start?	
26-Aug-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Invite Chief Miller to joint meeting with Sagamok at Xeneca office. Accepted invitation and needs to coordinate with his schedule.	
6-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing dates and logistic information about Vermilion River Stage II Archeology studies with invitation for participation from the community.	
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
13-Sep-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation for Chief Miller to attend joint meeting with Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation at Xeneca office.	Chief Miller will attend with councillors and will confirm on Thursday Sept 15.
15-Sep-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion with council last night took place and agreed to meet with Xeneca. Will have Elder Art Peatigoose accompany with Lead Council John Valley & Chief.	Just to follow up to call, Xeneca is prepared to cover travel costs.
15-Sep-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	WFLN confirmed for meeting and will require travel.	Will advise President of WFLN travel assistance.
19-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting at Xeneca office. Three party meeting introductions, project updates, provide information (draft MOU, NDA and project data sheets) on business opportunity and handouts (meeting notes).	
26-Sep-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Forwarding copy of Chief Miller's porter information as requested by Chief Miller.	Will Art & John be submitting travel expenses as well?
27-Sep-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Forwarding copy of Councillor Arthur & Councillor Johns information.	Will send information to finance manager for processing.
7-Oct-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter requesting to obtain community's perspective on efforts Xeneca has made to reach agreements with community for the Wabageshik Project. Requesting this information by October 31st for MNR to make informed decision regarding the site release application.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have been informed to forward Wabageshik information to John. Request for John's e-mail and phone number.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Notification and invitation to attend the upcoming Allen & Strubbers & Wabageshik PICs being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
13-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca is in area next week would like to set up presentation in community if interested. Please advise.	
13-Oct-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Community needs to focus on finalizing MOU with Xeneca. Has Xeneca received site releases for any projects on Community territory?	Xeneca has not received site release on its projects. Wabageshik most released and is on crown land. Copy of ACP supplied to community labeled draft as Xeneca wants input from communities in how to work towards meeting consultation needs. Three sites on Vermilion still having discussions with landowners. Plan to meet next week in area to discuss MOU. Providing current Wabageshik Data sheets for files.
18-Oct-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have been out of office. At today is date proposed for presentation, setting up meeting may not be possible. Will get back to you soon.	No problem. Was good to meet with chief Miller, Art & John last month. Would like to continue dialogue and keep Xeneca on radar for EA consultation and economic development. Please keep informed for next AACMT & when Xeneca may be on Agenda. Have you had time to review ACP?
1-Nov-11	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Hope things are well. Would be helpful for ongoing discussions if Xeneca could send digital version of MOU draft.	Thank you for response. Attached NDA template and MOU draft. Nothing community of Xeneca's intent with NDA & MOU. Looking forward to input and if clarification is required place call or can set up meeting.
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	

19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PO. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Assiwee for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.	
7-Mar-12	Ministry of Natural Resources	Abitamacheng Anishnawbek	Posted letter	EA Administration	MNR agreed to support site release and EA process which sets out planning process that allows proponents to assess potential for effects to the environment in order to make informed decision about how or whether project should proceed. Prior to issuing permits MNR must be satisfied with consultation that has occurred. Discussion around MNR duty to consult and MNRs position within the relationship between Aboriginal communities and the proponent. Providing link to policy on website and contact information for MNR representative for Community questions.	
12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification of and invitation to PIC being held in area. Providing website information for Xeneca to obtain input from Community. Extending offer to host community meeting if preferable. Enclosure: Wabageshik PIC ACP - FI & Eng.	
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DIAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
3-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the revised DIAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project. Enclosure: ACP Cvr Ltr 23Jul12, Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul12 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.	
14-Aug-12	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please be advised John Valley is no longer a contact with the AAST and can be removed from email list. Christian Napose to re-mail primary contact.	Thank you for reply. Will be sure to remove John Valley from contact list for Community
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on Wabageshik Rapids between August 17 - August 31. Invitation to communities to share known values. Xeneca considers this information as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information. Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion. Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	
26-Sep-12		Whitefish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provide update on Wabageshik meeting plan for interested First Nation group listed in provincial and federal listing.	

3-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request to schedule meeting with your team in near future. Xeneca submitting EA report for project later this fall and admit Xeneca's discussion with Aikameksheng is not where it should be. There is an interest from consultation communities on Manitoulin Island to invite FNs listed on the project to get together and discuss the project as a group. Arnold & Dean available to meet with your team to sit down and work toward an approach that could work for your community to provide input into project. Identify issues and concerns and process to manage them.
24-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave voice mail to invite to meet and also awareness about meeting with UCCMM and other First Nations about the Wabegashik project.
24-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to phone message left this morning inviting Aikameksheng to meet with Xeneca. Important information and business information Xeneca wishes to present to you and your community. Understanding of business information, capacity and timing issues for working with community and company is presented to listen and work to ward meeting those requirements. Easily accessible to meet with you to discuss these important matters.
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing DRAFT ER report for Wabegashik Rapids project with intention of providing opportunity to review the information gathered throughout Class EA process. ER has been prepared as required under the Class EA. Intent of providing DRAFT report is not only to provide time to review the document and its appendices but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project. Letter provided list of items included on the Electronic CO copy of the Draft ER & its appendices. Notification that Stage II Archaeological & Cultural Heritage Resources document has not been included as it has not yet received formal approval from Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport (MTCSS). Panels from most recent PIC have been included for review. Offer to provide hard copies of any of the documents enclosed upon request from community. Enclosure: CD with Draft ER, Hard copy of PIC panels for Wabegashik Rapids project.
1-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christina described that the negotiation team are very busy and their upcoming meeting has a full agenda. She will check to see if Chief Miller will participate in the Nov 13th meeting with group of First Nations in the Sault. Discussed the information package and Xeneca offer to assist with the review.
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to meeting to discuss Wabegashik Rapids project in Sault Ste Marie. Meeting called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the proposed project. Project is going through EA process and report will be submitted in short time. Meeting will provide project presentation and opportunity for the chiefs or their representatives to have round table discussion about project and their community's level of interest.
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Following up from call last Thursday and the invitation for the meeting. Attached invitation letter with info about the meeting.
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Oops, here it is (attachment).
15-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Nov5 FN Mig Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabegashik Draft ER".
21-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	White Fish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provide debriefing on meeting with First Nation representatives in Sault Ste. Marie, requested invitation to meet with negotiations team or Chief and Council. Christina advised that the team is difficult to assemble because they are very busy and meet on a voluntary basis.
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please accept Xeneca's apology for any inconvenience or misunderstanding the geophysical study activity may have caused you or members of your community. Xeneca is taking action to better communicate or notify communities of impending work related to furthering the knowledge of the potential project site. Chief, I will call you on Monday.

30-Nov-12	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Miller expressed concerns about the blasting at Wabagishik. Determined that a call from Uwe Roepser to the Chief Miller is required to explain the blasting and apology for disturbance.	
3-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	White Fish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Give Chief notice that Uwe Roepser will follow up with phone call to explain blasting (seismic testing) at Wabagishik.	
3-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please find attached a letter from our Chief Executive Officer, Uwe Roepser. I trust the foregoing is satisfactory and we look forward to your response.	
3-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Apology for disturbance. Request for meeting to further discuss Vermilion projects.	
5-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Called Chief Miller to apologize for the noise disturbance that was caused by Xeneca's contractor performing geophysical work at the Wabagishik project location. Uwe explained that the noise was caused by Xeneca's contracting crew who were testing the ground for potential infrastructure development. The discussion was a good opportunity to plan a future meeting in January 2013 between Chief Miller and Uwe Roepser.	
7-Jan-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to notify that Uwe Roepser will be in contact to set up a meeting with him.	
7-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Would you be available to meet on January 9? I am coming to Sudbury tomorrow and would be able to stay overnight if you can make time for me.	
7-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Thank you for the return call. My other meeting has been cancelled, so we must reschedule so I can make both meetings in one trip to save on travel costs.	
11-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	I am trying to reschedule my meetings that did not come together this week. Would you be available on Jan 16?	
15-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Follow-up to call. I look forward to meeting you. I would like to discuss the disturbance that occurred before Christmas. I would also like to brief you about the proposed project and possibility for economic participation.	
22-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Unfortunately my flight is delayed this morning. Can we move the meeting from 10:00 to 11:00?	11:00am would be fine.
22-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	The plane still hasn't left yet. I will call when I arrive in Sudbury. Sorry for the inconvenience.	
22-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	The plane is finally moving. I will not arrive until after 12:00pm. Is your schedule open? I would like very much to meet if you have the time.	I have other commitments at 2pm. If you arrive before then we can meet.
22-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration	Thanks, we are on the runway. I will be at your office at 1pm with a bit of luck.	
22-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration	Discussion of disturbance caused by geophysical testing the previous year. Discussion of community's background and knowledge. Uwe introduced himself, his background, his career, etc. The Chief highlighted concerns about the river being an important travel corridor, Bill C-45 and the life. No More movement. He recommends that a presentation be made by Xeneca and outlined a process for Xeneca to take with Whitefish Lake FN.	
25-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for the meeting on Tuesday. I am very appreciative that you could accommodate my flight delay. You mentioned that a follow-up meeting would be advisable. I would like to find a date within the first 2 weeks of February for that meeting. Is your team available on the 12th or 14th?	
30-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	I put together some notes from our meeting last week, please have a look and let me know if you have any changes or clarifications. I note that we may be meeting in February, do you have a date in mind?	

01-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	As discussed on the phone, March 5th would work well for us. Please confirm after you hear from your planning team.
19-Feb-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Leave message to confirm meeting date for early March 2013.
19-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up to voice mail and confirmation of next meeting, is March 5 still available?
21-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Confirming meeting date of March 5, 2013/
21-Feb-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message on voicemail to confirm meeting with him and Reconciliation Team for early March 2013.
21-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Further to your recent suggestion to meet with your team on March 5, 2013, I would like to confirm the date and time. You had indicated that evening is the best time to meet. This would work from my end. Please let me know at what time.
26-Feb-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussed next week's meeting, the Chief will be away on business and needs to reschedule the meeting to later in March. I thanked the Chief and let him know Xeneca will continue efforts and invitation to set up the next meeting.
08-Mar-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left voice mail to follow up conversation to plan to meet in March or early April. Mentioned that Uwe Roesper may follow with a call to the Chief.
22-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please see attached letter for information regarding field studies at project sites on the upper Vermilion. I understand that you have been in touch with Uwe Roesper to discuss the developments in early April. We look forward to following up with some of our previous discussions.
22-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter regarding field studies at project sites located on the Upper Vermilion. Request for community involvement in the project (i.e. sharing of cultural, ceremonial, and recreational importance).
09-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.
22-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow-up on requested meeting with Xeneca. Any luck finding another date to meet? Xeneca would like a chance to answer any questions before the EA process draws to a close. Please advise as to whether WLFN's questions will be directed to Xeneca through the joint Series review or independently by WLFN?
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chingang First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibway, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish Lake First Nation. Draft #2 of the Series report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Series at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Series consultants.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.
23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.
1-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.
23-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Attached April 24th meeting notes for review and comment. I'd like to continue the plan for Uwe and Arnold to meet with the team at the next opportunity. Could Xeneca set a date to meet with your team to learn about the protocol and make a presentation about the Wabagashik project?
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agonie because they're jobboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.
					I'll do my best to get these to Chief Corbiere and Agonie.

30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	
10-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Plans are still in the works to go to the site with Luke Dalla Bona next week with Whitefish River FN and the Waterkeepers. We'll be doing a ceremony for the water and would appreciate your involvement. Please let me know if you or other participants will be coming out.	
17-Jun-13	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message and invitation to participate at Wabagipishk field trip.	
18-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here are the driving directions from the East direction of the highway to the project (Nairn). Please confirm if you will attend so we have meals and travel arrangements accounted for.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish Lake First Nation	Posted letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:	Wabagishik GS
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):	Whitefish Lake First Nation
Date:	23-Sep-13

Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record
Concerns about the Vermillion, as community elders can recall the use of (the) river as an important travel corridor to Sagamok and the North Channel. And Bill C-45 (changes to navigable waters policy).	22-Jan-13	Xeneca has acknowledged that this project will impact the navigability of the waterway, and that this is an important travel corridor to local communities. In order to mitigate the effects of the structure, a portage route around the dam is planned. This portage route is described in Part B, Section 1.5 of the <i>Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan</i> . During construction there will be a temporary portage route, the final portage route will be more direct. These two routes are shown on diagrams in the Construction Sequence Drawings in the <i>Wabageshik Rapids Hydro Project Construction Management Plan: Annex II</i> .

June 24, 2010

Chief Edward Steven Miller
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Dear Chief Edward Steven Miller:

By way of introduction, Xeneca Power Development ("Xeneca") is a leading, independent company created to develop environmentally responsible renewable energy projects. Under the recent *Green Energy Act* ("GEA"), the Government of Ontario is encouraging the development of renewable and cleaner forms of energy production to replace aging energy infrastructure and to eliminate dirty coal power. Under programs developed by the government, Xeneca was awarded Feed-in-Tariff contracts for 19 projects throughout Ontario, and has a further 14 projects that are currently in production reserve.

As President of Xeneca, we wish to enter into respectful and meaningful discussion with your Community about these projects that include:

- Allen and Struthers
- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik
- McPherson Falls

To address environmental concerns, Xeneca is preparing the necessary documents for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower projects ("Class EA"). Advancing to the Class EA in no way guarantees a project will be built but it does develop the information required for the issuance of permits and approvals. The Class EA will include draft project descriptions that Xeneca will forward to your Community in order to solicit initial comments. Hopefully, this will create a broader understanding of the projects and elicit comment and suggestions prior to wider regional consultation. Please advise what other information you require and Xeneca will do its best to address that need.

Xeneca will shortly engage in Class EA consultation, which will provide the Whitefish Lake Community a full understanding of the environmental, cultural and socioeconomic issues; and provide the opportunity to engage Xeneca with comments and concerns on projects within Whitefish Lake Traditional lands. Xeneca has contacted the various Federal and Provincial Ministries concerning Aboriginal consultation on our projects, but any assistance you can provide would be very much appreciated in isolating projects within the Traditional lands. If you have any issues or concerns you may wish to also contact the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure ("MEI") that is the "One Window" for this process.

The purpose of the Class EA is to also engage all levels of government, including Whitefish Lake Community, in this multi-year process (averages 18 months) so all issues of concern are addressed. If your Community has a preferred consultation policy please advise us of the means and manner in which you would like to proceed once the Crown has isolated the projects that affect Whitefish Lake Traditional lands. Any insights you can provide in advance of the Crown process would be very much appreciated.

As these projects are in the very early stages, and we have only recently been enabled to share preliminary information and will continue to do so as it becomes available. Xeneca has begun the process of posting information to our website at www.xeneca.com. Information includes:

- Project information that is updated regularly.
- Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation and business practices.
- Outlines of, and links to, government programs that provide information and/or funding programs.

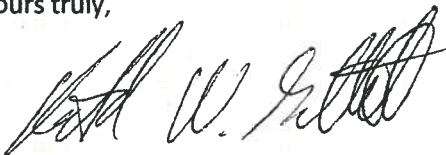
Additionally, the Crown, under a separate process for Projects on Crown lands, is determining Communities eligible for benefits under the GEA and Ministry of Natural Resource ("MNR") 2010 policy, and, once MNR has completed that process, they may be contacting your office. Please direct any queries to Ed Tear, District Manager, Sudbury MNR, and to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (MEI). MEI is responsible under GEA for Aboriginal benefits related to FIT contracts. You may also want to review the various government programs related to FIT projects.

If the Whitefish Lake Community is eligible for benefits, Xeneca will engage in a separate, parallel set of discussions that include partnerships or benefits sharing. Xeneca will be leveraging the Class EA process to provide the necessary due-diligence information to those Communities that engage in benefit or partnership discussions, and this will occur in parallel with the Class EA process. Xeneca can commence this process once MNR informs Xeneca of the Communities eligible for benefits and allows Xeneca to proceed.

The principals of the company have long been supporters of working closely with Aboriginal Peoples and have developed numerous relationships throughout Ontario. Xeneca is seeking your input and possible participation as we enter this five year process.

Thank you for your kind consideration and please direct your initial queries to Vanesa Enskaitis at venskaitis@xeneca.com or (416) 590-9362 ext. 104.

Yours truly,



Patrick W. Gillette
President and COO

cc: MNR District Manager:
Ed Tear – Sudbury Ministry of Natural Resources

September 16, 2010

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Whitefish Lake First Nation
25 Reserve Rd., P.O. Box 39
Naughton, ON POM 2MO

Dear Chief Miller:

As you are aware, recent notices, letters and newspaper advertisements have been posted in regard to Xeneca Power Development's proposal to build a waterpower facility in proximity to your Community.

The projects of interest to you and your Community are:

- Allen and Struthers
- Cascade Falls
- At Soo Crossing
- Wabageshik Rapids
- McPherson Falls

By now, your Community should have received from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources notification of our proposed project(s). Additionally, you should have also received correspondence from Xeneca providing contact names and numbers, basic information about the proposed projects and the development process, as well as an invitation to visit our website for regular updates.

Xeneca fully respects First Nations treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and, as such, we endeavor to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation in the development process.

Communities with interest in our projects need information in order that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any development is conducted in a way that strikes an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or an appropriate member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

Archeological studies are normally conducted under four phases. Phase One studies provide an overview based mainly on historical record and are quite preliminary in nature. When completed, we would be pleased to send these to your Community for review and comment. The remaining phases (Phase 2, 3 or 4, if required, would include an inspection or possibly extensive digging at the project site and your presence (or an assigned representative) would be essential at these phases of the work.

Typically, all projects will require a Phase Two study which involves on-the-ground investigation and would greatly benefit from input from members of your Community. Phase 2 involves some sampling of soils. Phase 3 and 4, if required, can include extensive digging and possibly removal of artifacts. Copies of the Phase Two report will also be sent to your Community for review and comment. A recommendation from the archeologist on the need for Phase 3 and 4 would be contained in the Phase 2 report. The Phase 2 report would be shared with you and your views on any further work would be sought.

Should a significant archeological find be uncovered during the Phase Two investigation, your Community would be consulted on the preferred means to move forward.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, through phone (705-863-1969) or e-mail, dassinewe@xeneca.com. Mark Holmes, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, along with Dean and the archeologist will ensure the work is done thoroughly and meets your needs as well the quality requirements from the Ministry of Culture.

Best regards,

Patrick W. Gillette
President & COO

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5160 Yonge Street
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CC - Gerry Webber, Coordinator, Northern Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Ed Tear, Sudbury District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources

October 13, 2010

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Whitefish Lake First Nation
25 Reserve Rd., P.O. Box 39
Naughton, ON POM 2MO

Dear Chief Miller:

RE: Invitation to Attend Public Information Centres.

As promised in previous correspondence to your Community, Xeneca Power Development is writing to inform your Community that Public Information Centres (PICs) are being set up in your area with respect to the following proposed waterpower developments:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River

As you may be aware, Xeneca has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the above noted projects. Public Information meetings are an important part of that process.

Xeneca invites you to attend our Public Information Centre where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide your input to our project team. Please join us on:

Wanapitei River Project:

Thursday, November 18th, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Killarney Veteran's Memorial Hall
52 Charles Street, Killarney

Vermillion River Projects:

Monday, November 22nd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Fielding Memorial Park
345 Fielding Road, Lively

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010
Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Fielding Memorial Park
345 Fielding Road, Lively

Your Community's participation in the PICs is greatly valued, as is First Nations engagement in archeological, environmental and social-economic aspects of the projects. Communities with interest in our projects need information so that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any future development is conducted in a way to provide an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Overall, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administrated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued through the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on potential impacts and viability for each of the projects. The Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as any additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

We will be posting information regarding our projects, access to information and government programs on our website at www.xeneca.com. Xeneca will also be working with the Aboriginal Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects Aboriginal treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and endeavors to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation throughout the development process.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or as designated member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

If there are questions or comments regarding the Public Information session, the undersigned can be contacted at any of the numbers listed on our letterhead. If there is an interest to participate in the archeological studies or additional Class EA components of the projects within your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison via phone at (705) 863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

December 20, 2010

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Whitefish Lake First Nation
25 Reserve Rd., P.O. Box 39
Naughton, ON POM 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

Welcome to the start-up activities on development of the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the proposed projects:

- Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River
- At Soo Crossing project on the Vermillion River
- Cascade Falls project on the Vermillion River
- McPherson Falls project on the Vermillion River
- Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermillion River

This first step of the EA process is intended to establish the initial conceptual design, start a dialogue on regulatory approval requirements and initiate public consultation and Aboriginal engagement in the Class EA process. To this purpose, Xeneca and its consultants from OEL-HydroSys Inc. are pleased to present you with the Project Description for this proposed project.

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the 'footprint' of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received.

In the early stages of this engagement process, a proponent-led EA coordination meeting will be undertaken with key government agencies and your community to coordinate an integrated planning process and to identify environmental concerns and diverse regulatory and management planning requirements that may be associated with the proposed project. This document is intended to assist you in preparing for this engagement process. A detailed list of the federal and provincial regulatory agencies, municipalities, and Aboriginal communities which are receiving a copy of this document directly is included within the document. We will be contacting this distribution group shortly to inquire as to their availability for participation in a Class EA Coordination meeting for this proposed small-scale waterpower development project. Please indicate if you or the Community you represent have interest in participating in this coordination meeting.

The general public and other groups are also invited to review this document. The document will be provided to these parties through postings on the Xeneca website or, upon request, by direct mail. If you require additional copies of this document you may access our FTP site by completing the following instructions:



An attached word document guide will assist you with the download process. You will need to activate passive mode in your Internet Explorer browser to be able to access the FTP site behind our corporate firewall.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact OEL-HydroSys Inc. Environmental Assessment Manager, Ms. Tami Sugarman at (613) 839-1453 Ext. 229 and tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca or Xeneca's Manager of Environmental Studies and Assessment, Edmond Laratta, at (416) 590-9362 ext. 106 and elaratta@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's President, Mr. Patrick Gillette at pgillette@xeneca.com or Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Mr. Dean Assinewe at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

May 11, 2011

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
25 Reserve Rd., P.O. Box 39
Naughton, ON POM 2MO

Dear Chief Miller,

Re: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River**
- **At Soo Crossing project on the Vermilion River**
- **Cascade Falls project on the Vermilion River**
- **McPherson Falls project on the Vermilion River**
- **Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, At Soo Crossing Hydroelectric Project, FIT--QW913, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Cascade Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--PVFYK, Township of Graham, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, McPherson Falls Hydroelectric Project, FIT--ANIT2, Township of Creighton, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--GOBZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

c.c. Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE Sudbury
Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury
Luke Della Bona, Partner, Woodland Heritage Services
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-HydroSys

May 13, 2011.

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Whitefish Lake First Nation
25 Reserve Road, PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Allen & Struthers on the Wanapitei River
Cascade Falls on the Vermillion River
At Soo Crossing on the Vermillion River
Wabagishik on the Vermillion River
McPherson Falls on the Vermillion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed a compilation of the following notices and past correspondence.

- Notice of impending Notice of Commencement dated June 24, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Clarification, Update and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated July 8, 2010
- Invite to participate in Archeological Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for the project on the Wanapitei River
- PIC Media Advertisement for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for Allen & Struthers project
- July 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermilion River
- A CD containing the electronic copies of the Project Descriptions for the Xeneca Projects indicated above

Xeneca has provided these documents for your continued review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project(s) are greatly valued and appreciated.

As we prepare the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report") we respectfully request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

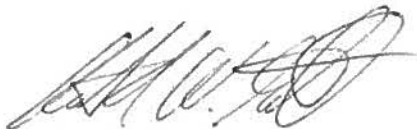
Vanessa Enskaitis
Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-9362 X 104
F: 416-590-9955
E: venskaitis@xeneca.com

Enclosed is a draft Aboriginal Consultation Plan ("ACP") that outlines a starting point on how Xeneca wishes to engage during and after the submission of the EA Report, which will be also provided to the Crown. Overall the concept is to continue engagement to project Commissioning and thereafter if desired by the Community. As noted in the ACP there are many future opportunities after the EA Report to engage.

EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e., a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process) at this time the EA Report will be provided to the Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel that have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

Separate from the EA Report, Phase II – Phase III Archeological studies will commence in the field and staff will follow-up on Community engagement in this process and the need for further consultation. If your Community has been identified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as a Community that is entitled to benefits from the project, a project datasheet (is enclosed or will be sent). If the Community is unsure of its status please contact the local District MNR office. The datasheet is designed to outline a process to continue/commence engagement in benefit discussions and that the EA Report contributes to the due-diligence process. If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick W. Gillette
President/ COO
Xeneca Power Development

August 18, 2011

Chief Edward Steven Miller
Whitefish Lake First Nation
25 Reserve Road, PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

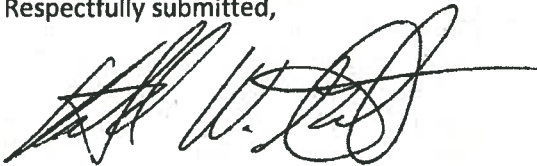
We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River authored by Xeneca Power Development. The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Wabagishik Rapids waterpower development on the Vermilion River and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gillette", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Gillette
President
Xeneca Power Development Inc.



CC. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Xeneca Power Development

Christian Naponse, Whitefish Lake First Nation

Ed Tear, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District

Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District

Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA

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Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-Hydrosys

Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:57 AM
To: Christian Naponse, WFLFN
Cc: Dean Assinewe; F N; Reynen, Rick (MNR)
Subject: Please join us on October 19th & October 20th in your area for Xeneca's PICs
Attachments: Allen Struthers PIC - 19oct11 -French.pdf; Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11.pdf; Wabagishik PIC EA Review - 20Oct-French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC-EA Review - 20Oct.pdf

Hello Christian,

Xeneca will be hosting two Public Information Centres (PICs) as a follow up to the previous events held Last January and last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River and the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Xeneca will be holding these information centres on the following dates:

Allen & Struthers

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Alban Community Centre
Hwy 64, Alban

Wabageshik Rapids

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Drive, Espanola

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

NOTICE: NEW ADDRESS

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December 13, 2011

Chief Edward Steve Miller
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
25 Reserve Road
PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

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To: chief@wfn.com; Christian Naponse, WFLFN; jvalley@wfn.com
Cc: Reynen, Rick (MNR); Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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July 23, 2012

Chief Edward Steve Miller
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek (Whitefish Lake First Nation)
25 Reserve Road
PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Chan", is written over a horizontal line.

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Christian Naponse, Whitefish Lake First Nation
John Vallely, Whitefish Lake First Nation
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Rick Reynan, Resources Liaison Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/ EA Coordinator, Ministry of the Environment
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-Hydrosys

Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:20 PM
To: Christian Naponse
Cc: Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; trevor.griffin@ontario.ca; Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: August 2012 Archaeological Studies: Wabagishik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca has resumed archaeological studies on the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Woodland Heritage will be conducting the field work between the dates of August 17th - August 31st.

We invite the communities to share known values with Luke Dalla Bona (archaeologist). Please be assured that Xeneca considers any information coming from the community as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information.

Please be advised that Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, will be following up with a call to your Community to inquire as to whether there is any interest from your members to participate. At this time, Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.

Please feel free to contact Dean by e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com, or by phone (705) 863-1969 with any questions or concerns.

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Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Edward Steve Miller
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
25 Reserve Road
PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- Annex I
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- Annex II
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Annex III
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- Annex IV
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Annex V
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- Annex VI
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- Appendix A
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- Appendix B
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Christian Naponse, Atikamesheng Anishnawbek – Whitefish Lake First Nation
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Edward Steve Miller
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
25 Reserve Road
PO Box 39
Naughton, ON P0M 2M0

Dear Chief Miller:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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Arnold Chan
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Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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Monday, December 3, 2012

By Electronic and Regular Mail: chief@wlfm.com

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
25 Reserve Road
Naughton, Ontario
P0M 2M0

Attn: Chief Steve Miller

Dear Chief Miller:

Re: Last Week's Incident / Request for a Meeting with Chief and Council of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Further to the incident that occurred last week, I would like to take this opportunity to express my regret to anyone who might have been disturbed as a result of one of our geotechnical consultants setting off charges to provide us with data about the prospective underlying geology around the proposed Wabagishik Rapids site on the Vermilion River. The firm that we hired is a highly reputable firm that has significant experience in these matters. We were made aware that their actions may have disturbed or caused alarm among local residents. As Chief Executive Officer of Xeneca Power Development, I take responsibility for actions undertaken by ourselves or by any of our consultants.

Despite this incident, I am hoping that we can begin a process of dialoguing between myself and you on this proposed hydro-electric project, and others that fall within the traditional territories of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. I know that you have had a few introductory meetings with members of Xeneca in the past but I am seeking an opportunity as the head of this company to have an opportunity to come and meet with you and other individuals that you wish to have present, to discuss the potential development of Wabagishik Rapids and other projects. As you may know, Xeneca has Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) contracts with the Ontario Power Authority for the following sites:

- Wabagishik Rapids (3.4 MWs);
- At Soo Crossing (4.4 MWs);
- Cascade Fall (2.4 MWs);
- McPherson Fall (2.0 MWs).

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All of these projects are located on the Vermilion River in relatively close proximity to your community's First Nation Reserve. As noted, Xeneca has been awarded FIT Contracts for the above-noted sites with the listed capacities noted beside each potential site.

Xeneca recognizes that First Nation communities have held long-standing stewardship over lands and waters within their traditional territories. We recognize that any potential economic development opportunity will have impacts on traditional land uses and we wish to discuss what those impacts might be.

In addition to consulting with your community about the potential development of these sites, Xeneca would very much like an opportunity to discuss accommodation. Xeneca has advanced an economic participation model for all of its FIT Contracts that we propose to share these projects through a 50-50 equal basis with First Nation partners. Xeneca's model presumes no capital being required by First Nation communities, nor does it require any collateral to be offered. Instead, it relies on a combination of provincial government incentives (Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program, the Aboriginal Adder) and a willingness from Xeneca's equity funder to provide additional capital to fund the First Nation equity portion.

I would very much like an opportunity to come and meet with you at your kind convenience to discuss all of the above-noted matter.

I look forward to your very kind consideration.

Yours truly,

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Uwe Roeper
Chief Executive Officer
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

- c. Arnold Chan, Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel, Xeneca
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Bob Johnston, Aboriginal Consultant



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March 22, 2013

BY ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL: chief@wlfm.com

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Whitefish Lake
25 Reserve Road
Naughton, Ontario
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Attn: Chief Steve Miller

Dear Chief Miller:

Re: Xeneca Power: Developments of the proposed hydroelectric facilities on the Vermillion River

Xeneca Power would like to express our appreciation for your input into our Green energy waterpower project at Wabagishik Rapids and look forward to the ongoing dialogue with you and your community. We wanted to notify you and to seek your community's guidance as we work to proceed forward on the investigations of two other proposed local developments on the Vermillion River: At Soo Crossing, south of Highway 17 and Cascade Fall, near Inco Road. Both of these projects are located just north of your community.

Your traditional and firsthand knowledge of the river, its fish and its wildlife are very valuable in designing and developing waterpower sites that protect natural and cultural values. We firmly believe that these will be better projects with your community's involvement. We also wish to understand the cultural, ceremonial and recreational importance of these sites to your community and would gratefully accept your comments, ideas and insights. There may be instances of significant cultural values that your community wishes to protect. We want to ensure that processes are put in place to respect these values.

To date, these two projects have had one year of field studies, and our team of professional biologists is ready to continue that good work as soon as the spring freshet begins in late March or early April this year.



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If there is desire within your community to observe or take part in these studies we would invite your expression of interest at the earliest possible juncture. Among studies taking place are:

- Aquatic habitat and fish communities;
- Amphibians and reptiles;
- Water quality sampling;
- Terrestrial flora and fauna including birds;
- Archeology;
- Geotechnical .

Identification of any endangered species or habitat within the project zone of influence and will also take place.

For safety, we would respectfully request to limit the number of people on site each day, and, as such, we recommend that only one to two people per community should participate. Access to the sites can be demanding so we would also ask that participants considered their physical ability to negotiate difficult terrain as well as withstand possible inclement weather, insects, etc.

A modest travel allowance and per diem is available for community participation. As well, any participants may be required to engage in safety briefings for access through Vale's mining property.

We look forward to hearing from your community, and if you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by electronic mail at achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, if you cannot reach me, please try my colleague Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan

Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

- c. Christian Laponce, Consultation Coordinator (by electronic mail only: cnaponse@wfn.com)
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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Atikameksheng Anishnawbek (Whitefish Lake)
25 Reserve Road
Naughton, Ontario
P0M 2M0

Attn: Chief Steve Miller

Dear Chief Miller:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for your review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Christian Naponse, Consultation Coordinator, Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE

Whitefish River First Nation

Whitefish River First Nation
 Chief Shing Turlie (Franklin Paibosai)

Contact and Consultation Log

Contact Date	Issues					Resolution
	Contactee Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	
16-Sep-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introduction to Xeneca and invite to participate in archaeological study.	
13-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	PIC Invite	
25-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call from Community with inquiry into Xeneca's proposed projects on the Vermilion River.	
25-Oct-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Notification of PIC rescheduling.	
8-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to phone call, please confirm correct spelling of name.	
8-Dec-10	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Sorry missed phone call. Providing contact information and correct spelling of name.	Thank you for clearing up and providing contact information.
8-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	EA Administration	Calling to provide additional information re: Vermilion site: Wabageshik Rapids.	
20-Dec-10	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Wabageshik PD with invitation for community to attend coordination meeting.	
26-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining process applicant needs to follow, outlining the Applicant of Record process and identifying the local aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Indicating that Xeneca may forward information and requesting that community forward Sudbury district MNR any concerns re: proposed projects.	
11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted letter with attachments	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing summary reports of Stage I Archeological Studies.	
13-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Correspondence package sent containing hard copy of previous letters sent, PIC media advertisements, all Notice of Commencements, and a CD containing electronic copies of PDs.	
3-Jun-11	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have received package from Xeneca on proposed development within traditional lands. Suggesting to meet with WRFN council to discuss development further. Late July or Early August?	Thank you for email and taking call allowing introduction. Will work with Art Jacko and David Nahwegahbow to exchange information and work towards setting up initial meeting.
3-Jun-11	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Discuss issues related to consultation and plan for future meeting.	
4-Jun-11	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Can have meeting with Council late July to explain project. Forward materials to Art Jacko's office for review prior to meeting.	
6-Jun-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Follow up to discussion with Chief Paibosai to contact Art Jacko to provide information.	
10-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to phone call this week, will prepare information package and send out for review. Providing information for website for more project information in the mean time.	Looking forward to receiving the information package, will be in touch shortly.

13-Jun-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please inform if community wants MNR to be present at any future meetings on proposal by Xeneca.	
15-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Posted Letter	EA Administration Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing information on the Wabageshik Rapids project. Hard copy of PD, archeological summary and cover letter outlining information provided.	
21-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with attachment	EA Administration Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Package sent out in mail for review. Due to postal strike delivery time may be affected. Providing information to start review. Providing electronic copy of letter and archeological summary report. Providing direction to website for project description.	
6-Jul-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have not received package from the mail. Inquiring on specifics, rationale, purpose of Xeneca's desire/ wishes with Whitefish River FN.	Discussion as to relationship between Xeneca and Whitefish River FN community, aboriginal consultation plan, discussion of the intent of Xeneca and the stage of planning the project is at.
6-Jul-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Call to see if information package had arrived.	No information package yet, Canada Post mail strike affecting delivery time.
7-Jul-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Information package delivery. Left a message that I will continue to check into the delivery of the package.	
18-Jul-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Follow up to information package delivery. Spoke to Iris Corbiere, Admin Assistant: package was received July 7th, 2011.	
25-Jul-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Received the information package. Discuss the projects, will wait to receive Wabageshik ACP and set date for near future with Whitefish River FN.	
12-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Aboriginal Consultation Plan for Wabageshik is still being reviewed internally. Can provide draft copy early next week for review.	
16-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing Wabageshik Rapids Aboriginal Consultation Plan for consideration. Advise with any questions regarding plan or any materials provided.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with a description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
6-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	EA Administration Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing dates and logistic information about Vermilion River Stage II Archaeology studies with invitation for participation from the community.	
12-Sep-11	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Faxed Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification that the Whitefish Lake FN community does not agree with the Aboriginal Consultation Plan and the process as outlined for the aboriginal consultation with the various communities. Community upset by the process of identification of communities eligible for benefits.	Acknowledgement of letter received from community. Confirming the importance of First Nation Community consultation and engagement and Xeneca's appreciation of community's participation in the process. Xeneca is currently drafting a response and will be in touch shortly.
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	

26-Sep-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	MNR has received letters addressed to Linda Jefferies & Patrick Gillette and MNR has considered the information provided in these letters and is now including Whitefish River FN Community as an identified first Nation community eligible for business communications in relation to the Wabegashik Rapids project. MNR has notified Xeneca to proceed with business engagement with the Whitefish River community in receipt of this letter.	
27-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing outline of MNR process and the discussion about Xeneca's engagement with the communities and providing more information about the Aboriginal Renewable Energy Fund and the Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program. Invitation for further discussion and providing opportunity for more information to the community.	
5-Oct-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion about business relations, and setting up a meeting.	Art advises that the first meeting requires MNR involvement.
5-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of letter sent in response to Chief's letter. Wanted to follow community protocol, does chief have dates in mind for meeting? Providing possible dates. Will call to discuss further.	Did you have a chance to discuss meeting with Chief Shining Turtle? Providing possible dates.
12-Oct-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to emails. Art requesting more information on all 19 projects, work on meeting dates, not advising community info centre yet.	Will send Art maps and project datasheets and additional info from PowerPoint slides.
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Notification and invitation to attend the upcoming Wabegashik PIC being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with attachment	EA Administration	Providing additional information on projects (Whitefish River Presentation PPT, Wabegashik Datasheet, Xeneca Projects Map). Sorry to hear dates do not work for meeting. Let's continue to work on suitable meeting dates. Any dates Chief will be in Toronto, Xeneca would be happy to meet at office or at other location.	
18-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Shining Turtle provided a description of the community, historical perspective of the Robinson Huron Treaty, past leadership and industry relations with energy proponents, Uwe Roeper provided a presentation about Xeneca and the project. The Chief indicated that the community must do its due diligence on the project before it can support the project or be opposed. Xeneca will work with their advisors and Water Keepers to provide information and plan for future engagement (field trip) and consultation.	
21-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to see if any dates work for Xeneca to meet with Chief Shining Turtle & Council. Please advise.	
28-Oct-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will be getting back to you shortly on next steps.	Requesting time to talk about progress.
22-Nov-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Waiting to receive documents discussed Friday.	Apologies. Did you receive them?
22-Nov-11	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Documents received.	
22-Nov-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River (UCCM)	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft MOU & NDA for review & input. Look forward to hearing back about your meeting with Whitefish River Community. Enclosures. Draft MOU & Draft NDA.	

13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Asinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.	
18-Jun-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to invite to meet and have lunch.	
10-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River FN	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Speak to Todd Lewis and provide background on Xeneca and Whitefish River FN relationship.	
12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, UCCM	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification and invitation to community to Wabageshik Rapids PIC being held July 25th in Espanola. Notification of Xeneca's willingness to host community meeting if community prefers. Enclosure: PIC media advertisement FR & ENG.	
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take community considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	
25-Jul-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Received voicemail, will be returning to work August 7th - Email best method of communication.	Request to set up meeting to discuss previous meeting in February. Acknowledges politics are a challenge but the company is really paying attention to deals that Northland and other companies have been able to achieve. Will call on return from your vacation.
25-Jul-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	"Nahow, baamaapii" - Yes, until later.	
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12Jul23 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.	
15-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca will resume archaeological studies on Wabageshik Rapids between August 17 - August 31. Invitation to communities to share known values - Xeneca considers this information as highly sensitive and confidential and have protocols to protect the information. Dean will be more than happy to discuss scheduling arrangements and further details.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to community to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion, Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	

22-Aug-12	UCCM	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Week since we met, request for response to suggest approach to Whitefish River.	Will put another call in to Uwe and let him know your inquiry and expect response postively soon.
12-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call to community - no answer.	
13-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call to community - Left voicemail with assistant Danielle for Chief.	
14-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Returned call - to call Chief back 1pm Friday to talk.	
15-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Phone conversation with Chief - agreed to speak Monday at 10am.	
17-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Call to Chief 3 times and left voice mail. Notification to Chief of upcoming vacation but would like to have a discussion with Chief.	
06-Nov-12	UCCM, Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for letter. What would assist the FNs further is the pro forma of project(s). Believe this was discussed at meeting with Whitefish River and would be sent over to Access Capital. Can you confirm this has been done if not when will it be provided?	Have copied Arnold Chan as he is most familiar with how accurate the financials can be described on the Wabageshik project. Economic participation model will be part of Xeneca's presentation. Arnold can you provide a timeframe on when the information will flow to Access Capital.
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM, Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Financial team is working on many of the issues that were raised by George during initial cut from one of the other projects. Are committed to forwarding an updated version with original one-page model.	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa-Kanig First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration	Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Nov5 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER".	
14-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss Whitefish River First Nation protocol and industry relations. Xeneca will respect and honour Whitefish River First Nation protocol and culture when company management meets with Chief & Council.	
25-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	UCCM & Whitefish River First Nation	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left voice mail for Art and spoke to his assistant, Iris Corbiere. Want to follow up to Chief Joe Hare's request to work with UCCM to plan a meeting for group of First Nations to discuss project.	
12-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Confirming the personnel expected to attend the meeting on October 18.	
18-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Personal Contact / Meeting	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion about Whitefish River history, culture, social and economic conditions. Introduction to Xeneca and relevant employees. Discussion about work at Wabageshik Rapids.	
19-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Inquires about Robina's email address to send out the meeting notes.	
30-Nov-12	UCCMM	MNR, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We received information today that Xeneca has a crew at Wabageshik Rapids and are blasting in the area. We are asking if this info is correct. We also ask if you can respond back today.	

30-Nov-12	MNR				Aboriginal Community Considerations	Our staff have also received a note about this. We are aware that Xeneca was proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations at the Wabageshik Rapids to support data collection for the EA assessment. My understanding is that this work involved drilling small holes in the rock and setting off small charges that could be monitored at various locations throughout the site to determine bedrock stability, etc. It was not actual construction work or blasting of material. We're currently working to determine what is happening at the site and whether authorization was required.	
30-Nov-12	UCCMM			Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We were not aware that seismic testing was going to take place and this is of concern as it impacts the land. I did speak to Dean and asked for this to stop immediately until we have a better understanding. I am also asking you for this work to be stopped until we have a better understanding.	
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development			Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I recommend that we meet with Art to gain a better understanding of the concerns related to communication and lack of notification. Art is clear about his concerns about the impact of the testing and recommendation to stop the work. I have copied Uwe Roeper to address the situation and work towards a solution.	
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development			Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I have asked our consultant to stop work on the geophysical field testing. We were not aware that this work would be as noisy and disruptive to nearby residents as it seems to have been and we regret this. Explanation of geophysical tests. We were told that this work is generally considered to be non-intrusive and non-destructive. However, it does seem to be loud. We regret any disturbance that may have occurred.	
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development			Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Clearing the confusion of 'blasting at Wabageshik' to Chief and clarifying that there is no blasting going on and non-invasive and non-destructive work is in progress by a geographical survey company to figure out if rock conditions are suitable for designing a project.	
30-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development			Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Phone meeting invitation to discuss Geophysical Work.	
5-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development			Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letting Chief know that the noise disturbance was caused by Xeneca's contractor performing geophysical work (seismic testing) at the project site. Uwe apologized for any disruption this may have caused his communities and has stopped the work and will resume the work in the spring. Chief Shining Turtle understood the scope of the work and suggested to keep Art Jacko informed of future work.	
18-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development			Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Tentatively schedule meeting for May 2013 to have more time for preparations. Discussed the current status on the project. Invitation to attend a Green2 booth in Sudbury on April 9 and 10.	
25-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development			Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Submitting Term Sheet Draft to Economic Advisor for Whitefish River community. Changes from previous draft are mentioned and further input to draft is encouraged from persons of interest.	
25-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development			Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Formally informing Chief about moving forward on two projects on Upper Vermilion River. Any questions or comments should be directed to Dean Asinewe or Arnold Chan.	
09-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development			Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	

11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process.	
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeng First Nation, Aundick-Onni-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Shegulandah's admin assistant, Shelba, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.	That's great!
23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.	
1-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.	We had a few delays on our end but here it is (providing meeting notes). I included your section of action items below the speaking points, if they are good feel free to share among the group.
3-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up to last week's conversation. Want to begin planning field trip for June. Hoping to establish date that can be available to go on site. Access by boat raises level of logistics. Would like to organize meeting early next week to determine support and equipment we will need. So far I know elders Gene Jacko and Jean Andrews-McGregor will participate.	Thanks Dean. Hope this goes well!
8-May-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	She is away from the office until Friday, left voice mail to set up meeting to plan Wabagishik field trip.	
14-May-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	She is out of the office until 27 May to attend meetings. Left a priority message for Robina to call me when she checks in.	
21-May-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Check availability to do a meeting/lunch on Monday May 27th in Whitefish River FN to continue planning for field trip. Zach is not available to meet on the date but Robina may be available to make a call.	
27-May-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss opportunity to meet for the Wabagishik field trip planning. Discuss boat operators who may be able to provide boat transportation.	

27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agonie) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agonie.
28-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Would it be possible for representatives from Sagamok to join you and the water keepers on your visit to the Wabageshik site? Also, our consultant and some people from Sagamok will be joining Luke Dalla Bona when he goes to the site to do his archaeological field work. Do you or others want to join us? I can include you in the correspondence if so.	We can invite two elders and perhaps yourself. We were looking at June 15-17. I need to talk with the elders to confirm details.
30-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nations	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We'll arrange to have Sagamok Elders (up to 2) brought to the staging point.	Is there any way we can schedule for June 13th? The 15th-17th doesn't work for me. Please let me know. I'll double check with Genny and her group.
30-May-13	Woodland Heritage	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	The week of June 17th works for me. Dean please let me know what the schedule is. I'll put down the week of the 17th as a definite for Wabageshik. Please understand that it will be very disruptive to my scheduling of other projects if this gets delayed.	Will get back to you shortly on this. I would likely only go out for a day or two. I originally thought Luke was looking at the week of the 10th but this may work out fine.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about ESA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	
31-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Wanted to continue the discussion from where we left off on our meeting on April 24 in Whitefish River. Xeneca's archaeology consultant will be at the Wabageshik site the week of June 17 to conduct a field study for the proposed roads and transmission line corridor and this also presents a good time to go to the site with the Waterkeepers from WFPEN. Luke DB can take a day with the participants to show them the site and explain his work and protection protocols. I'd like to set up a conference call next week. Providing call-in details.	I have confirmed the Elder who will be conducting the water ceremony with Genny Jacko. June 20th has been set aside to travel and conduct the ceremony. Four other women will accompany Genny. Genny prefers an early start as she has plans for travel in the afternoon. By tomorrow afternoon I will be able to confirm some of the logistics.
02-Jun-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	My suggestion is to schedule what works for the waterkeepers. Sagamok would like to join, but we'll leave the scheduling up to you and then just see who is able to join you on those dates. I'm hoping to be on the call tomorrow afternoon on this as I know Dean is trying to coordinate a lot of activity at the site.	
03-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	After conference call Robina was unavailable but she has availability to do the field trip on Thursday June 20th. She will check with Genny Jacko and her availability and will email Dean Assinewe later with a decision for June 20th.	
03-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	The 20th should not be a problem. Please just let us know what arrangements are required to comfortable get everyone to the site safely.	

05-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nations	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Made a call to Chief Shining Turtle's office. Assistant informed Uwe that he'd be away until June 10, 2013. Uwe left a message: "The purpose of my call is follow up, it is my understanding that Robina has been involved in the planning of the site visit with the elders and the EA review and Xeneca appreciates this involvement. I would like to hear if there are any issues that I should be aware of, otherwise I will assume that all is going well. Please call me if you have any questions."	
07-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about the Wabagishik field trip and offer to meet for lunch with her and Genny Jacko for continuing planning and logistics.	
10-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message about Wabagishik field trip. Robina is having difficulty organizing boats, we will meet tomorrow for coffee (she will call me later to confirm meeting).	
13-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss field trip and who from elders/water keepers is participating. Discuss potential boat operators and rentals and rental amounts.	
17-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Spoke with Zach Shawanda. Zach will relay message to Robina that Xeneca has boats set up for the field trip, and established boat launch. Need to know the number of participants from Whitefish River.	
20-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Field trip to Wabagishik Project with Whitefish River FN and Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation elders/water keepers and staff. See field trip summary.	
21-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Requesting names of women who performed ceremony. Will provide pictures of trip via DropBox.	
24-Jun-13	Whitefish River First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing names of women who performed the ceremony. Community does not use DropBox, but will try to set up account.	
24-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I think Robina may have an account and I will also include your email once you are set up.	
26-Jun-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussion re: meeting expenses.	
05-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Follow up on ceremony of the Water Keeper Elders at Wabagishik. Time for call next week to discuss next steps?	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Whitefish River First Nation	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing meeting notes from October 18th meeting.	

FINAL ABORIGINAL ISSUES TRACKING TABLE

PROJECT NAME:	Wabagishik G.S.		
ABORIGINAL GROUP (s):	Whitefish River First Nation		
Date:	23-Sep-13		
Issue / Concern Raised	Date Identified	Response on Record	Comments
Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation Plan does not meet requirements under Canadian Law about the duty to consult and accommodate, does not met requirements of Anishinabe law and custom, and the Plan and the fact that it was unilaterally developed and imposed on us is disrespectful of WRFN. Calling for meeting with the community, representatives of Xeneca and MNR.	12-Sep-11	Xeneca's aboriginal consultation guide was drafted in order to assist and facilitate dialogue. It was drafted using guidance from the Provincial and Federal governments and in that regard meets the Duty to Consult in accordance with Canadian law.	Meetings were held with Whitefish River First Nation in follow up.
Provided protocol to meet with Water Keepers (delegation of women who carry spiritual connection to water and who work together for the protection of water, land, air and all living things).	18-Oct-12	Xeneca coordinated with the Water Keepers and arranged a field trip to the location and information meeting to create an understanding and awareness about the project and to listen to their issues and concerns. The meeting occurred in the summer of 2013 when there were less safety issues in travel to the remote site.	A group from Whitefish River and Sagamok Anishinabek traveled to the Wabagishik project (Belmer archaeology site). The Whitefish River Waterkeepers / Grandmothers performed water ceremony and blessing for the proposed project.

September 16, 2010

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Dear Chief Paibomsai;

RE: Introduction and Enquiries concerning Traditional Knowledge.

By way of introduction, Xeneca Power has been awarded 19 contracts by the Province of Ontario to produce green, renewable electricity through the development of waterpower generating stations including the Wabageshik Rapids project proposed in your area on the Vermillion River.

As you may be aware, Xeneca Power Development Inc. has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects ("Class EA") for the Wabageshik project. Your Community should have also received notification of the proposed project from the Sudbury District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. If you have not received notice from MNR you may wish to follow up with the Ministry office in Sudbury.

To add clarity to the process under which our project may proceed, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued by the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on project impacts and viability. Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between the proponent and First Nations Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Xeneca will be posting information on its website at www.xeneca.com regarding our projects and government programs. Xeneca will also be working with the First Nation Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects First Nations treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and, as such, we endeavor to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation in the development process.

Communities with interest in our projects need information in order that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any development is conducted in a way that strikes an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or an appropriate member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

Archeological studies are normally conducted under four phases. Phase One studies provide an overview based mainly on historical record and are quite preliminary in nature. When completed, we would be pleased to send these to your Community for review and comment. The remaining phases (Phase 2, 3 or 4, if required, would include an inspection or possibly extensive digging at the project site and your presence (or an assigned representative) would be essential at these phases of the work.

Typically, all projects will require a Phase Two study which involves on-the-ground investigation and would greatly benefit from input from members of your community. Phase 2 involves some sampling of soils. Phase 3 and 4, if required, can include extensive digging and possibly removal of artifacts. Copies of the Phase Two report will also be sent to your Community for review and comment. A recommendation from the archeologist on the need for Phase 3 and 4 would be contained in the Phase 2 report. The Phase 2 report would be shared with your community, and, should a significant archeological find be uncovered, your views on any further work would be sought.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, via phone at 705-863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com. Through Xeneca Vice President Mark Holmes, Dean and our archeologist, we will endeavor to ensure the work is done thoroughly and meets your needs as well the requirements of the Ministry of Culture.

Best regards,

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October 13, 2010

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
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Dear Chief Paibomsai;

RE: Invitation to Attend Public Information Centres.

As promised in previous correspondence to your Community, Xeneca Power Development is writing to inform your Community that Public Information Centres (PICs) are being set up in your area with respect to the following proposed waterpower developments:

- Wabageshik Rapids on the Vermilion River

As you may be aware, Xeneca has issued a Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the above noted projects. Public Information meetings are an important part of that process.

Xeneca invites you to attend our Public Information Centre where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide your input to our project team. Please join us on:

Monday, November 22nd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Fielding Memorial Park

345 Fielding Road, Lively

Your Community's participation in the PICs is greatly valued, as is First Nations engagement in archeological, environmental and social-economic aspects of the projects. Communities with interest in our projects need information so that well informed decisions can be made. We also believe that traditional, multigenerational knowledge of First Nations can be extremely important in ensuring any future development is conducted in a way to provide an appropriate balance between environmental, social and economic needs.

Overall, the Class EA is administered by the Ministry of the Environment and is a separate process from Site Release which is administrated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. No permits, approvals or tenure are issued through the Class EA as it is designed to provide information on potential impacts and viability for each of the projects. The Class EA also allows for comment and dialogue between Xeneca and Aboriginal Communities, Federal and Provincial governments, as well as any additional stakeholders.

Eligibility for benefits, the right to seek partnership, and the means to acquire funding is determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

We will be posting information regarding our projects, access to information and government programs on our website at www.xeneca.com. Xeneca will also be working with the Aboriginal Communities to identify where government programs can be improved.

Xeneca fully respects Aboriginal treaties, claims and traditional land use in the vicinity of our projects, and endeavors to proceed in an open, transparent and respectful manner. Our approach includes meaningful, upfront consultation and First Nation participation throughout the development process.

Given the extensive knowledge that members of your Community have on the history of your area, we invite you or as designated member of your Community to participate in archeological studies that are to be conducted in your area.

If there are questions or comments regarding the Public Information session, the undersigned can be contacted at any of the numbers listed on our letterhead. If there is an interest to participate in the archeological studies or additional Class EA components of the projects within your area, please contact Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison via phone at (705) 863-1969 or e-mail dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Holmes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Holmes
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
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October 25, 2010

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Dear Chief Paibomsai;

Your Community will have recently received an October 13th notice and invitation to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) regarding our proposed waterpower development:

- Wabageshik Rapids on the Vermilion River

Please be advised that Xeneca Power Development will be rescheduling the Public Information Centre to which your community has been invited. We fully expect to confirm dates for January or early February and will provide advance notice. The change in meeting date will provide the necessary time to address government agency comments and further develop information related to our projects.

In the meantime, we continue to seek your Community's input on archaeological studies being conducted around the above noted site, and we invite you to visit our website at www.xeneca.com for project information, updates and notices.

If you have questions please contact the undersigned, or Vanesa Enskaitis at any of the numbers provided in our letterhead.

We look forward to meeting the members of your Community in the coming weeks.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Holmes", written over a horizontal line.

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December 20, 2010

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
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P.O. Box 188
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Dear Chief Paibomsai:

Welcome to the start-up activities on development of the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA) for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids GS project on the Vermillion River.

This first step of the EA process is intended to establish the initial conceptual design, start a dialogue on regulatory approval requirements and initiate public consultation and Aboriginal engagement in the Class EA process. To this purpose, Xeneca and its consultants from OEL-HydroSys Inc. are pleased to present you with the Project Description for this proposed project.

This Project Description is provided to assist the proponent in ensuring that all aspects of the project are accounted for in enough detail to allow your community and government agencies to provide meaningful comment throughout the Class EA process. This document attempts to delineate the "footprint" of the project within the environmental context of the study area and initially identify features of the environment that may be affected (directly and indirectly) by the proposed project. Xeneca acknowledges that additional potential effects may be identified throughout subsequent phases of the Class EA process and we will also incorporate those comments when input is received.

In the early stages of this engagement process, a proponent-led EA coordination meeting will be undertaken with key government agencies and your community to coordinate an integrated planning process and to identify environmental concerns and diverse regulatory and management planning requirements that may be associated with the proposed project. This document is intended to assist you in preparing for this engagement process. A detailed list of the federal and provincial regulatory agencies, municipalities, and Aboriginal communities which are receiving a copy of this document directly is included within the document. We will be contacting this distribution group shortly to inquire as to their availability for participation in a Class EA Coordination meeting for this proposed small-scale waterpower development project. Please indicate if you or the Community you represent have interest in participating in this coordination meeting.

The general public and other groups are also invited to review this document. The document will be provided to these parties through postings on the Xeneca website or, upon request, by direct mail. If you require additional copies of this document you may access our FTP site by completing the following instructions:



An attached word document guide will assist you with the download process. You will need to activate passive mode in your Internet Explorer browser to be able to access the FTP site behind our corporate firewall.

If you have any questions or comments in relation to the Class EA for Waterpower Projects planning process or environmental impact assessment related matters, please do not hesitate to contact OEL-HydroSys Inc. Environmental Assessment Manager, Ms. Tami Sugarman at (613) 839-1453 Ext. 229 and tsugarman@oel-hydrosys.ca or Xeneca's Manager of Environmental Studies and Assessment, Edmond Laratta, at (416) 590-9362 ext. 106 and elaratta@xeneca.com.

For questions or comments in relation to all other aspects of the development proposal, please contact Xeneca's President, Mr. Patrick Gillette at pgillette@xeneca.com or Xeneca's Aboriginal Relations Liaison, Mr. Dean Assinewe at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Gillette
President & COO
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c.c. Kathleen Migwanabi, Lands Manager



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May 11, 2011

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Dear Chief Paibomsai,

Re: Archaeological Studies for Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabagishik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--G0BZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

**c.c. Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE Sudbury
Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury
Luke Della Bona, Partner, Woodland Heritage Services
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-HydroSys**

May 13, 2011

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box 188
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Dear Chief Paibomsai:

This letter is being sent to continue our dialogue concerning our projects as it relates to the Crown's duty to consult and its fiduciary responsibilities and Xeneca's voluntary support of these obligations.

The proposed Waterpower developments include:

Wabagishik on the Vermillion River

As we move closer to completing the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower, please find enclosed a compilation of the following notices and past correspondence.

- Notice of Commencement and Enquiry concerning Traditional Knowledge Studies dated September 16, 2010
- Follow up to Notice of Commencement and Notification of PIC dated October 13, 2010
- Notice of rescheduled PIC's dated October 25, 2010
- Outline of EA process and Distribution of Project Descriptions dated December 20, 2010
- PIC Media Advertisement for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermillion River July 2010
- Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermillion River
- November 2010 Notice of Commencement Media Advertisement for the projects on the Vermillion River
- A CD containing the electronic copies of the Project Descriptions for the Xeneca Project indicated above

Xeneca has provided these documents for your continued review, comment and consult. Your community's observations, input, questions or comments on the above noted project(s) are greatly valued and appreciated.

As we prepare the draft Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Report ("EA Report") we respectively request any further observations, input, questions or comments be submitted as soon as possible to:

Vanesa Enskaitis
Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-9362 X 104
F: 416-590-9955
E: venskaitis@xeneca.com

Enclosed is a draft Aboriginal Consultation Plan ("ACP") that outlines a starting point on how Xeneca wishes to engage during and after the submission of the EA Report, which will be also provided to the Crown. Overall the concept is to continue engagement to project Commissioning and thereafter if desired by the Community. As noted in the ACP there are many future opportunities after the EA Report to engage.

EA Report engagement will begin after issuance of a Notice of Completion (i.e., a public declaration that Xeneca thinks it has completed the process) at this time the EA Report will be provided to the Community for review. Thereafter there will be a minimum 30 day period to engage in discussion of any issues your Community may feel that have not been adequately addressed and to address questions and receive further input. This engagement process will allow for the EA Report to be completed. Staff will be following up on the EA Report in the next few months.

Separate from the EA Report, Phase II – Phase III Archeological studies will commence in the field and staff will follow-up on Community engagement in this process and the need for further consultation. If your Community has been identified by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ("MNR") as a Community that is entitled to benefits from the project, a project datasheet (is enclosed or will be sent). If the Community is unsure of its status please contact the local District MNR office. The datasheet is designed to outline a process to continue/commence engagement in benefit discussions and that the EA Report contributes to the due-diligence process. If you have any questions please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick W. Gillette
President/ COO
Xeneca Power Development

August 18, 2011

Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box 188
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Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Dear Chief Paibomsai:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River authored by Xeneca Power Development. The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Wabagishik Rapids waterpower development on the Vermilion River and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patrick Gillette
President
Xeneca Power Development Inc.



CC. Electronic copies sent to the following:

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December 13, 2011

Chief Shining Turtle
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box A
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Whitefish River to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development

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- cc. Art Jacko, Manager Lands & Resources, United Chiefs & Councils of Mnidoo Mnsing
Ed Tear, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Rick Reynen, Resources Liaison Officer, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner / EA Coordinator, MOE – Northern Region
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:20 PM
To: Chief@whitefishriver.ca; 'Art Jacko'; 'Kathleen Migwanabi'
Cc: Reynen, Rick (MNR); Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Whitefish River First Nation members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Whitefish River Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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July 23, 2012

Chief Shining Turtle (Franklin Paibomsai)
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box A
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON P0M 2J0

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

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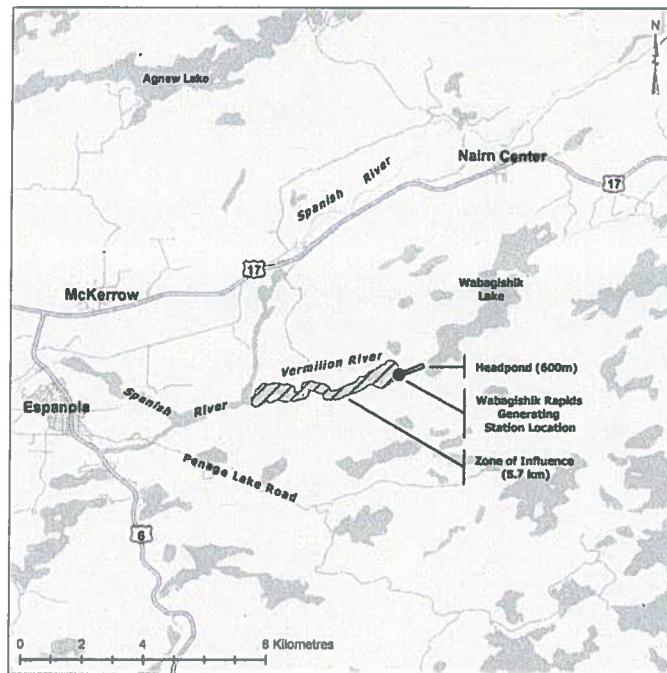
Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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Notice of Public Information Centre for the Wabagishik Rapids Waterpower Development



Xeneca Power Development Inc. invites you to attend our final Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Wabagishik Rapids project, located on the Vermilion River west of the City of Sudbury and 600 m downstream of Wabagishik Lake. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>.

This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input. Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. For information on the project proposals, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

Stephanie Hodsoll
Stakeholder Relations & Public Affairs Liaison
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
T: 416-590-3077
F: 416-590-9955
E: shodsoll@xeneca.com

Please join us at the PIC:

**Wednesday, July 25, 2012
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Dr., Espanola**

A further opportunity for public input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.



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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:39 PM
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Cc: Reynen, Rick (MNR); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N; trevor.griffin@ontario.ca
Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the Whitefish River Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

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Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Shining Turtle
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box A
46 Bay of Islands Rd
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:



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- **Annex I**
 - Proposed Operating Plan
 - HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- **Annex II**
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- **Annex III**
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- **Annex IV**
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **Annex V**
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- **Annex VI**
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- **Appendix A**
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- **Appendix B**
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation



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- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files
- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.



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Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.

If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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- cc. Kathleen Migwanabi, Whitefish River First Nation
Art Jacko, Manager Lands & Resources, United Chiefs & Councils of Mnidoo Mnsing
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Shining Turtle
Whitefish River First Nation
PO Box A
46 Bay of Islands Rd
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

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BY REGULAR MAIL:

February 27, 2013

Whitefish River First Nation
P.O. Box A, 46 Bay of Islands Rd.
Birch Island, Ontario
POP 1A0

Attn: Chief Shining Turtle

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

Re: Changes to the Federal Screening Process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

With input from federal departments, we are writing to advise you of recent changes to the ***Canadian Environmental Assessment Act***.

On July 6, 2012, the new *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* came into force which replaced the former *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. As a result, the federal environmental screening process has been cancelled for this project. A Notice has been posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (the Registry) available at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca. You may view the Notice in the *Archives* section of the Registry by referencing the following number: CEAR 11-01-62573 (Wabagishik Rapids).

While a federal environmental assessment is no longer required for the above mentioned projects, Xeneca still has other legislative and regulatory requirements. These could include, but are not limited to, approvals from Transport Canada (TC) pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* and from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) pursuant to the *Fisheries Act*. As such, the legal duty to consult Aboriginal groups still must be fulfilled.

Xeneca also wishes to advise that despite the cancellation of the federal screening, we remain committed to working proactively with your communities to review, identify, resolve, mitigate and/or compensate for any impact that may occur on your Aboriginal, Territorial or Treaty Rights.



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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by calling me at (416) 590-3067 or be emailing me at achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, should you have any questions or comments regarding Transport Canada's potential role in the above mentioned projects, please Contact Devon Smith, Aboriginal Consultation Officer, by telephone at 416-952-0055 or by email at devon.smith@tc.gc.ca. Should you have any questions or comments regarding DFO's potential role in the above mentioned projects, please contact Rich Rudolph, Environmental Assessment Analyst, by telephone at 613-925-2865 or by email at rich.rudolph@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

- c. Devon Smith, Aboriginal Consultation Officer, Transport Canada, Ontario Region
Rich Rudolph, Environmental Assessment Analyst, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Eastern Ontario District
Stephanie Davis, Project Manager, CEAA
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
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March 25, 2013

BY ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL: chief@whitefishriver.ca

Whitefish River First Nation
P.O. Box A, 46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, Ontario
POP 1A0

Attn: Chief Shining Turtle

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

Re: Xeneca Power: Developments of the proposed hydroelectric facilities on the Vermillion River

Xeneca Power would like to express our appreciation for your input into our Green energy waterpower project at Wabagishik Rapids and look forward to the ongoing dialogue with you and your community. We wanted to notify you and to seek your community's guidance as we work to proceed forward on the investigations of two other proposed local developments on the Upper Vermillion River: At Soo Crossing, south of Highway 17 and Cascade Fall, near Inco Road. These two projects are located just north of the Whitefish Lake First Nation Reserve.

Your traditional and firsthand knowledge of the river, its fish and its wildlife are very valuable in designing and developing waterpower sites that protect natural and cultural values. We firmly believe that these will be better projects with your community's involvement. We also wish to understand the cultural, ceremonial and recreational importance of these sites to your community and would gratefully accept your comments, ideas and insights. There may be instances of significant cultural values that your community wishes to protect. We want to ensure that processes are put in place to respect these values.

To date, these two projects have had one year of field studies, and our team of professional biologists is ready to continue that good work as soon as the spring freshet begins in late March or early April this year.



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If there is desire within your community to observe or take part in these studies we would invite your expression of interest at the earliest possible juncture. Among studies taking place are:

- Aquatic habitat and fish communities;
- Amphibians and reptiles;
- Water quality sampling;
- Terrestrial flora and fauna including birds;
- Archeology;
- Geotechnical .

Identification of any endangered species or habitat within the project zone of influence and will also take place.

For safety, we would respectfully request to limit the number of people on site each day, and, as such, we recommend that only one to two people per community should participate. Access to the sites can be demanding so we would also ask that participants considered their physical ability to negotiate difficult terrain as well as withstand possible inclement weather, insects, etc.

A modest travel allowance and per diem is available for community participation. As well, any participants may be required to engage in safety briefings for access through Vale's mining property.

We look forward to hearing from your community, and if you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by electronic mail at achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, if you cannot reach me, please try my colleague Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

- c. Art Jacko, Manager of Lands & Resources, United Chiefs & Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (by electronic mail only: ajacko@uccm.ca)
Uwe Roeper, CEO (by electronic mail only: uroeper@xeneca.com)
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison (by electronic mail only: dassinewe@xeneca.com)



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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Whitefish River First Nation
P.O. Box A, 46 Bay of Islands Rd.
BIRCH ISLAND, Ontario
POP 1A0

Attn: Chief Shining Turtle

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermilion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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- c. Art Jacko, *Manager, Lands & Resources, UCCMM*
Robina Kitchemokman, *Economic Development Officer, Whitefish River FN*
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca*



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Whitefish River First Nation
P.O. Box A, 46 Bay of Islands Rd.
BIRCH ISLAND, Ontario
P0P 1A0

Attn: Chief Shining Turtle

Dear Chief Shining Turtle:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCs) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for your review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
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Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
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Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

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Chief Duke Pelier
Contact and Consultation Log

Contact	Contact Date	Contactee Community/Agency	Contactee Community/Agency	Contact Method	Issues	Details	Resolution
	2-Mar-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	EA Administration	Notification of PIC in Espanola on March 22, will confirm location and time.	
	2-Mar-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will have meeting with their Dept and Community on project. Please keep Wikwemikong informed.	
	4-Mar-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I'll certainly keep the group informed of developments. I have been in discussion with Rick Reynen RE: aboriginal relations. I understand Rick is planning on meeting with the communities that the MNR has directed Xeneca consult with. Xeneca sees this MNR/Wiky meeting as a necessary first step before the company comes to the community. If you have any questions about the project description feel free to direct them to me.	
	7-Mar-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	EA Administration	MNR is available to meet with Wikwemikong to discuss Site Release Applications for sites on Wahnapitae and Vermilion Rivers as outlined July 26th to community. MNR is available to discuss project proposals in general as well as for Community concerns. If agreeable, Xeneca could attend as well.	
	26-Apr-11	Ministry of Natural Resources	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Advise FN community about Xeneca's application to proceed further with Site Release process. Outlining process applicant needs to follow, outlining the Applicant of Record process and identifying the local aboriginal communities with the specific waterpower application. Indicating that Xeneca may forward information and requesting community to forward Sudbury district MNR any concerns re: proposed projects.	
	11-May-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing summary reports of Stage I Archeological studies.	
	8-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca is preparing to meet with your Chief and Council re: Allen & Struthers & Wabagishia Projects. Please advise dates to meet. Meeting scheduling with community. Xeneca team has to meet with the Wikwemikong and Killarney about the proposed development ASAP. Dates need to be confirmed to not pass the deadlines set by the Ministry for engagement as per their assessment protocol. Make sure that company has consultation "accommodation" packages prepared for community. Need company to be serious about these issues related to project as it affects areas of concern.	

23-Jun-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Please advise dates for Xeneca to meet with Wiky council. Last week of July and First Week of August are unavailable.	
23-Jun-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing contact information to Noella Jacko to arrange time for presentation during the meeting to be placed on agenda. Requesting all necessary documentation and other FN responses for similar projects be brought for the people of Wikwemikong. Please ensure meal is provided for group.	Great speaking to you today. July 20th works for Xeneca and will bring presentation and copies of project description, as well as other related materials. Look forward to meeting community.
24-Jun-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources	Discuss Killamy Day Inn opportunity, possible meeting date in July, introduced to Noella Jacko.	
12-Jul-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources	Confirm meeting date and location.	Meeting date and time is confirmed.
20-Jul-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Land and Resource Use Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Aboriginal Community Considerations	Met with Melissa Cooper, Energy Planner; Anna Marie Sandford, Business and Marketing Officer; Andrew Manitowabi, Lands Coordinator. Provided presentation, project descriptions, hand out generic MOU and NDA and provide information sheets for Allen & Struthers & Wabageshik Rapids.	
18-Aug-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with a description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
6-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing dates and logistic information about Vermilion River Stage II Archeology studies with invitation for participation from the community.	

7-Sep-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Requesting clarification as to how tours of waterpower sites will successfully be coordinated between the FN communities. Requesting Xeneca remember to send future correspondence to learn more about Xeneca's projects to the Energy Planning division of Wikwemikong. Please confirm Wabageshik Rapids is situated closest to Wikwemikong community.	Uncertain of which FN communities will be involved as land areas and negotiations underway (pending notification from MNR) for 3 Vermilion sites. So far only interest from Sagamok with no set date. Wikwemikong can set a date if desired. Providing attachment of PDF map of Xeneca sites to see proximity of projects. Working on minutes still. will provide to Wikwemikong community by next week.
13-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan for the Wabageshik Rapids project along with the description of its purpose and intention for review by the community.	
13-Sep-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Inquiry as to who package with ACP was mailed to.	Addressed to Chief Hazel Recollet. Hard copies typically sent to chiefs and pdf's sent to technical reps from community. Attempted to call and left message.
20-Sep-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing follow up to call and providing further logistic information about community participation in archeology studies at the Wabageshik Rapids site on the Vermilion River.	
21-Sep-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Apology for delay. Providing confirmation that there will be no participation from the Wikwemikong community member at this point. Will be in touch if something changes.	Thank you for reply and keeping communication open. Will share results of field study when they become available.
12-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with Attachment	EA Administration	Notification and invitation to attend the upcoming Allen & Struthers & Wabageshik Rapids PICs being held in October. Providing PIC ads as advertised in the newspaper.	
25-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with Attachment	EA Administration	Providing copies of requested documents. Attached MOU document and Wabageshik ACP draft.	

26-Oct-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with Attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations EA Administration	Providing requested information electronically. Tracking down the presentation and will provide ASAP. Enclosed Wabageshik Rapids PD, MOU generic draft, NDA draft, Allen & Struthers PD, and Allen & Struthers data sheet for review by community.	PD is too large for your inbox. Can be downloaded from Xeneca website in the projects section. Will continue to track down presentation and provide to you ASAP.
27-Oct-11	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Still awaiting the aboriginal consultation plan. Can you please send this?	Forwarding Wabageshik Rapids ACP as requested of Dean.
13-Dec-11	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification to community of revisions made to previous Wabageshik Project Description. Cover letter outlines the significant changes made and the attached document provides the newly revised material for review and comment by community.	
19-Jan-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Some revisions have been made to the Wabageshik Rapids PD. Hard copy has been sent to Community. Providing electronic copy of cover letter outlining changes in document and attached document with revisions. Please feel free to contact Dean Asinewe for any input or comment. Wishes for best in 2012.	
15-Feb-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copy of the recent correspondence sent to the Wikwemikong Unceded community dated 9Feb12. Invitation for comment and concern. Looking forward to working with the Wikwemikong Unceded community.	
12-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing notification of and invitation to Wabageshik Rapids PIC being held July 25th in Espanola. Notification of Xeneca's willingness to host community meeting if community prefers. Enclosure: PIC media advertisement FR & ENG.	
23-Jul-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of Waterpower Class EA for project in Community area. Xeneca has recognized additional communities brought forward by CEAA & is sharing information and consulting with these communities. Providing DRAFT ACP for Wabageshik Rapids project. Informing community of purpose to seek input and open to making changes that take communities considerations and processes to allow a process to engage with community. Xeneca prepared to meet with community and would like to arrange time and location. Enclosure: Revised Wabageshik ACP.	

30-Jul-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Unfortunate community missed the Wabageshik PIC opportunity. Requesting date when Xeneca will be holding another informational event like this.	Understand timing did not fit. Invite mentioned that Xeneca can come to the community and have meeting / session. Requesting assistance to help coordinate for September.
10-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to Community. Enclosures: 12J023 Wabageshik ACP Ltr, Wabageshik ACP July 2012 Revised Final.	
21-Aug-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Xeneca sent email notification to inform and invite community to participate in upcoming Stage III Archaeology studies to be performed on Wabageshik Rapids project. Stage II study recommends Stage III study if site cannot be avoided. Apology for confusion. Xeneca will provide Stage II Summary reports once approved for distribution by Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.	
23-Aug-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve & Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Suggest Xeneca come to Wikwemikong and speak with New Chief & Council to avoid any problems with this project, now and in the future.	
11-Sep-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Advising Xeneca of both coordinators of Energy file and both need to be included as contacts with all incoming correspondence from Xeneca. As Andrew Manitowabi mentioned and must reiterate - coming to the community to present plans to new band council is very important. Providing dates for meeting with openings for new agenda items. Requesting dates more appropriate with Xeneca.	
12-Sep-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve & Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Xeneca community presentation can be coordinated for October 9th or 22nd if available as per e-mail sent yesterday. Thank you.	Thank you. Will get back to you shortly.
13-Sep-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve & Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Available to do 9th in morning. Can also do the 22nd. Requesting scope of meeting (purpose as meeting with chief & council or community info session). Xeneca prepared to bring information panels and set them up at public place to allow question and input to Xeneca staff and consultants.	

13-Sep-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve & Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Regular scheduled Chief & Council meetings held 6:30pm - timing in AM will not work. Xeneca welcome to bring consultants - but recommend President / CEO attend session. Forsee it to be a more details comprehensive meeting for Chief & Council and will require package 2 weeks in advance - Providing Purolator address.	Thank you for taking the call. Arnold will be working with First Nation & Métis Communities and is available to meet with Chief & Council October 22nd. Will have presentation ready and available min 2 wks in advance. Xeneca will only be presenting on Wabageshik project as Allen & Struthers is lower priority project with no activity since fall 2011. Will call again as meeting date draws nearer.
13-Sep-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss new elected Chief and Council, and discussed the scope and purpose of the upcoming meeting with Chief and Council.	
18-Sep-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve & Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Have put in request for October 22nd meeting agenda for presentation. Please forward 12 copies of complete presentation materials to band office at mailing address provided earlier - min 2 weeks prior to meeting.	Thank you, so far date is good for Xeneca, will begin putting presentation together and get it out to secretary.
3-Oct-12		Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussed MNRI's Site Release Policy and Identified vs Local Community designation as it relates to Wabageshik. Discussed the upcoming Northshore First Nations meeting that is being planned and inquired about Wilky's interest in participating.	maintain communication and project updates
3-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request to remove A.M. Sanford from all correspondence as she no longer works with Wikwemikong.	Thank you, will remove her from our contacts.
3-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for copy of the PowerPoint for the October 22nd presentation to Wikwemikong Chief & Council.	
3-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Request for ACP for proposed Allen & Struthers development.	
3-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Internal request for list of correspondence and date sent to Wikwemikong Community. Melissa away from office for some time and could use the list to make sure she has everything in her file. Please send correspondence related to notification to communities on priority status of Allen & Struthers project.	
9-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Require presentation today please. Was expecting them on Friday.	
9-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Apologies for delay. Providing PowerPoint draft - Xeneca still awaiting additional slides from consultant archaeologist.	
11-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you. Please keep in mind Wikwemikong band council still requires full version in advance of October 22 meeting. 12 copies can be sent to Wikwemikong as soon as possible. Dean has mailing address for Executive Assistant.	No problem, challenge is tracking down consultants who are often in the field. Should be environmental slide as well to provide overview of work done and will be helpful if there are any questions.
11-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Even better. Request for list of First Nations that Xeneca is consulting with on the Wabageshik project.	Will do. Will add that piece to jurisdiction slide.
11-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Xeneca Power	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	List of First Nations for Wabageshik Rapids project already in the slides.	

15-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing list of correspondence and dates along with Electronic copies of the recent correspondence. Enclosure: "12Jul23 Wabageshik ACP", "12Jun12 Alienstrubers EA Ltr", "11Aug18 ACP Ltr", "11Dec13 Wabageshik PD Rev Ltr", "12Feb9 Wiky Response Ltr".	
16-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Will send agenda once it is received but Xeneca is definitely on upcoming agenda and they are looking forward to receiving the information from your company.	
16-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing updated presentation with attached slides from both archaeologist and habitat biologist along with additional corrections. 12 copies will be sent to council offices.	
17-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing questions about specific slides on presentation re: clarification of definitions of various references made in PowerPoint.	
18-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations Cultural Heritage Resources Considerations	Providing response to questions with detailed outline of process of archaeological studies and the various stages associated with the reviews and studies. Providing clarification that Xeneca will ultimately invite local & First Nation contractors to provide expression of interest when the time comes to that stage of the project. Providing additional information surrounding economic participation model as presented by Xeneca. Notifying the community that the degree to which each community participates should ultimately be decided among themselves and Xeneca's position is to treat each party equally but the share would probably be based on the degree of impact (as a suggestion).	
22-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Introductions to Chief and Council and provided presentation. Discussion about Wiky traditional territory and jurisdictional issues. Xeneca presented economic participation model and FIT contract timeline. Wiky has potential energy project they want to explore and see opportunities in transmission for their company (Lake Huron Transmission Company). Wiky has mandated Melissa Cooper, Energy Planner, to work with Xeneca and participate in further meetings.	
25-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for coming to Wikwemikong on October 22nd and providing a presentation about the opportunities for waterpower in Ontario. Community looks forward to receiving more information regarding the Wabageshik Rapids project and others in our region as Chief mentioned during presentation as community strongly believe Wikwemikong has an economic stake in the area. Request for detailed economic model for Wabageshik Rapids ASAP - as discussed. Request for PDF before 26th for band council to perhaps speak about it further in their 2 day planning session.	
25-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve, Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Pleasure to meet with Chief & council this week. Arnold is best contact to get the economic model from and also the best person to explain its structure. May take a phone call or email to familiarize you with it. Will check with Arnold to see what he can do for you and the upcoming meeting.	Currently in meeting, will send before end of day with explanation.
25-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing economic participation model with explanation in email. Invitation to community to provide additional information on the locations of Xeneca's sites where Xeneca is happy to assist in preliminary assessment.	
25-Oct-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thank you for information and details within the email. Have forwarded to attention of Band Council's executive assistant Cecilia Pitawanakwat for further distribution to Band Councilors for possible discussion in upcoming planning session.	
30-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing CD with environmental reports. Draft EA.	

31-Oct-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discussed information package and offer to assist in the review.	
5-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter	EA Administration	Invitation to join in a meeting to discuss the Wabageshik project on Nov. 13 2012. Two important components of the project proposal: seeking First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and seeking First Nation business relationship. Meeting is being called to allow for round table discussion.	
6-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing invitation to meeting with First Nations as previously discussed with Melissa Cooper in phone conversation. Enclosure: "12Nov05 FN Meeting Ltr".	
13-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Wabageshik First Nation, M'Chigeng First Nation, Aundeck-Ojibwa-Kaning First Nation, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Meeting with First Nation Communities with shared interest in the Wabageshik Rapids project and Xeneca representatives.	
15-Nov-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provided briefing on outcome of the November 13th meeting (after Melissa departure). Thanked her for her participation and informed that there will be a letter coming from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation that will identify a process for the group of First Nations to advance the project.	
19-Nov-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing electronic copies of recent correspondence sent to community. Enclosures: "12Nov05 FN Mtg Ltr", "12Oct30 Wabageshik Draft ER".	
4-Dec-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Called to check if Wilky was contacted about the geophysical testing blasting at Wabageshik. Melissa was unsure if there was any contact to the Chief about the noise. Explained the purpose of the seismic testing and assured there was no construction activity.	
17-Dec-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notice that Daniel Werniawans has been hired as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Wilky Dept of Lands and Resources. Would like to meet ASAP to review Xeneca's project.	
18-Dec-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message to let him know that Xeneca is in contact with Melissa Cooper, Energy Planner. Available to set up a time in January to meet.	
18-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I left a message at your number, feel free to call me on my cell. I'm happy to meet with you but looks like that will happen in the New Year.	
18-Dec-12	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Just wondering if Xeneca has managed to speak with Whitefish yet.	We have been in contact with Chief Miller and have a plan to meet with him in the new year. No date yet but my plan is to call him.
18-Dec-12	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing First Nations Financial Model Presentation and Cash Flow Models for Wabageshik Rapids project. Next steps to sort out the issue of jurisdiction among communities, development of a term sheet and legal agreement.	
7-Jan-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provide background on Xeneca and projects in Ontario and process of Aboriginal Consultation. Will send a copy of Xeneca's Aboriginal Consultation Plan to Daniel.	
14-Jan-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: Wilky's Zhimaachtaan Economic Awareness Days (ZEAD) invitation to participate. Xeneca has conflicting meeting that has already been committed to on the date and is unavailable to participate.	
14-Jan-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation for Xeneca to attend "Zhimaachtaan Econ. Awareness Days" (ZEAD) on Jan 23 2013. Good opportunity to further inform band membership about water projects. Final agenda will be made shortly.	Arnold and I are in Timmins next week but are interested in the venue. Is this an open house format or meeting?

23-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Regarding Wilky's Zhimaatchaan Economic Awareness Days (ZEAD) invitation to participate and advice to follow up with Melissa Cooper. Will follow up with a call to Melissa tomorrow.	
24-Jan-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message re: participation at ZEAD and invitation to next meeting.	
25-Jan-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I received your message, where would Xeneca like to meet? Maybe we could meet at your office?	
25-Jan-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Arnold and I are waiting to hear back from Alex Ker RE archaeological studies and DB&FT ER review. Info will be shared ASAP. Also waiting to hear from Art Jacko, RE Xeneca's financial model. Once everyone has a handle on the reports/results we can get together as a group.	
14-Feb-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Provide update on Access Capital and waiting to hear back on their evaluation. Update on third party peer review of EA report by SENES. Once the review is complete a meeting with the working group will be organized.	
14-Feb-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	We have set up a meeting with Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. Sagamok has retained Senes for EA review. Discussed spiritual gathering of Water Keepers with Art Jacko. Ongoing dialogue with Dometar and Vale. Apology for not making it out to the community's economic development day.	
4-Mar-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Invitation to participate in conference in Sudbury. We are seeking company sponsors.	THANKS FOR THE DETAILS. ARNOLD, WENISAR AND I HAD A PHONE CALL THIS MORNING FOR AN UPDATE AND I ADDED THAT THERE WILL BE A COORDINATED MEETING TO REVIEW THE WORK THAT SENES IS
5-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I will complete the sponsorship and will send in the detail shortly along with payment, but put us down as one of the MegaWatt sponsors. Dean and I will attend and set up a booth to provide some info on Xeneca and the Wabageshik project.	We look forward to seeing you there. Joni will be in touch shortly.
6-Mar-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Chief Duke Pelier calling RE changes to the federal CEAA process. Has no questions about the CEAA letter, appreciated being informed. He wanted an update on the communities, specifically Whitefish. Arnold gave quick summary of happenings since last meeting.	
11-Mar-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Letter RE sponsorship for Green Energy convention.	
9-Apr-13		Xeneca Power Development	Personal Contact / Meeting	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Participate and set up information booth at GreenX2 2nd Annual Energy and Conservation Conference.	
11-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter with Attachments	EA Administration	Providing Stage II Archaeological Report for review and comment along with an explanation of the archaeological study process	

23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	UCCM, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Aundick-Omic-Kaning, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, SENES, Xeneca Power Development	Email with Attachment	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing draft agenda for meeting at Whitefish River First Nation. Draft #2 of the Senes report (which has already been distributed) is also attached. First Nations will be meeting with Senes at 10am. We'll have lunch and then meet as a group with Xeneca and their consultants and Senes consultants.	I have been speaking to Shiguanah's admin assistant, Sheila, and she says the Chief is receiving my communications and is designating Zerah to participate in tomorrow's meeting.
23-Apr-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Christian Naponse will also be attending for AAFN.	That's great!
23-Apr-13	Xeneca Power Development	Xeneca Power Development, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Thanks for the news, Alex.	
1-May-13	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Xeneca Power Development	Email with attachment	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Here you go.	We had a few delays on our end but here it is (providing meeting notes). I included your section of action items below the speaking points. If they are good feel free to share among the group.
27-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just sent my response to Chief Paul. Some emails have already bounced back (from Chief Corbiere and Chief Agouine) because their inboxes are full. The attachments are pretty large. You may want to make sure that all communities have my response.	I'll do my best to get these to Chiefs Corbiere and Agouine.
30-May-13	Xeneca Power Development	Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Email	Aboriginal Community Considerations	I just tried to reach you but you were not available. I am anxious to find out whether Bruce McGregor has finalized a proposal. We need to have a conversation with MNR about EA permits but want to know what is on the table. The MNR has to issue a permit to engage in any study and I am concerned that the time is fast approaching where such a permit might not be obtained in time.	
10-Jun-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Discuss upcoming field trip and participation from Wilky. One person is available to participate.	
17-Jun-13	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development	Phone	Aboriginal Community Considerations	Left message with reception about the field trip and inquiry about who will attend from Wilky.	
15-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted Letter	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Notification of relocation of dam & powerhouse in order to avoid culturally sensitive area.	
16-Jul-13	Xeneca Power Development	Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Posted letter with attachments	EA Administration Aboriginal Community Considerations	Providing copy of the Wabageshik Notice of Commencement and Project Description.	

May 11, 2011

Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet
Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation
PO Box 112
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Dear Chief Fox-Recollet,

Re: Archaeological Studies for:

- **Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River**
- **Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River**

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed in Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of Woodland Heritage Services to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is called a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Culture database and also uses computer modelling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. Before these studies can be released to your community we recommend they pass a review by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) for completeness and accuracy.

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is prepared to offer advance information that comes in the form of a summary report. Once the Stage I report has received approval from the MTC we will provide a copy for your review and files.

As described in our September letter, Woodland Heritage will also be conducting on-the-ground investigations (Stage II and reporting) and would benefit from your community participation. We anticipate this work to commence in the near future. We will contact your community as soon as these dates have been determined to gain your representative participation. Please keep in mind we will also offer a presentation and/or follow-up field tour to your community should participation be not available during the demanding fieldwork schedules.

If there is interest in participating in the archeological studies in your areas, please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at (705) 863-1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com anytime.

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Patrick Gillette
President & COO
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

Attachment: Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Wanapitei River, Allen & Struthers Hydroelectric Project, Fit--FFT235S, Township of Allen and Township of Struthers, District of Sudbury

Summary Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment of Proposed Vermillion River, Wabageshik Hydroelectric Project, FIT--G0BZK, Township of Foster, District of Sudbury

**c.c. Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, MNR Sudbury District
Laurie Brownlee, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE Sudbury
Paula Allen, Supervisor, Air, Pesticides Environmental Planning, MOE Sudbury
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August 18, 2011

Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet
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Dear Chief Fox-Recollet:

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the Wabagishik Rapids project on the Vermilion River authored by Xeneca Power Development. The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Wabagishik Rapids waterpower development on the Vermilion River and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. Xeneca is also open to making further changes to the ACP so as to finalize a process to engage with the Communities. While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion. Please contact Dean Assinewe with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Gillette", is written over a large, stylized, circular graphic element that resembles a stylized 'X' or a power line.

Patrick Gillette
President

Xeneca Power Development Inc.



CC. Electronic copies sent to the following:

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Sarah Raymond

From: F N
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:57 AM
To: 'Andrew Manitowabi'; 'Melissa Cooper'; 'A.M. Sandford'
Cc: Dean Assinewe; F N; Reynen, Rick (MNR)
Subject: Please join us on October 19th & October 20th in your area for Xeneca's PICs
Attachments: Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11 -French.pdf; Allen Struthers PIC - 19Oct11.pdf; Wabagishik PIC EA Review - 20Oct-French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC-EA Review - 20Oct.pdf

Hello Andrew & Melissa,

Xeneca will be hosting two Public Information Centres (PICs) as a follow up to the previous events held Last January and last spring. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us to learn more about the Allen & Struthers project on the Wanapitei River and the Wabageshik Rapids project on the Vermilion River. Xeneca will be holding these information centres on the following dates:

Allen & Struthers

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Alban Community Centre
Hwy 64, Alban

Wabageshik Rapids

Thursday, October 20th, 2011
4:00pm to 8:00pm
Espanola Recreation Centre
175 Avery Drive, Espanola

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours truly,

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Subject: Please join us on October 19th for Xeneca's Allen & Struthers PIC

Hello ,

Xeneca will be hosting a Public Information Centre (PIC) as a follow up to the January 2011 event. Xeneca would like to extend an invitation to you and your community to join us on October 19th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Alban Community Centre to learn more about our proposed Allen & Struthers project within your area.

Attached to this e-mail are the newspaper ads which will be displayed in the local newspapers. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the details further, please feel free to contact our Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at 705 863 1969 or by e-mail at dassinewe@xeneca.com .

We look forward to seeing you on October 19th!

Yours truly,

Samantha

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December 13, 2011

Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet
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Dear Chief Fox-Recollet:

For your Community's review and comment, please find attached an updated Project Description package for the proposed Wabageshik Rapids waterpower Development on the Vermilion River.

The package includes the most up-to-date information resulting from at least two years of study on the river as well as input from agencies and public stakeholders.

As you may be aware some of these studies, including archeological investigations, are continuing and new information will be made available to your community as it becomes available.

Xeneca looks forward to working with Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve to further develop information about these sites. Traditional and community knowledge can be very helpful in determining how to best move forward on developing these projects.

Among the significant changes you will see from the Project Description are:

1. Project Site Location and Layout

The facility has been relocated a short distance upstream (about 300 metres) to preserve an important fish spawning bed that would have been flooded under the original project concept.

2. Aboriginal Consultation

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve has been added as a Local Aboriginal Community in this proposed undertaking. This Community was identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

The Wahnapiatae First Nation was incorrectly identified as a Local Aboriginal Community in November 2010 Project Description. This Community was not identified in the Ministry of Natural Resource's Site Information Package (SIP) for this project.

3. Distribution Lines

Two distribution line options are proposed for the project:

- The first distribution line route would travel east from the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) located near the southern outskirts of the Town of Espanola towards the Panache Lake Road. This portion of the route would then continue east to a common point west of Brazil Lake where it would separate into several routing options designed to minimize impact on identified values and avoid patent land. The total line distance would vary between 14.6 – 18.2 km, depending on the route option.
- The second line option would travel east along the Panache Lake Road, then north towards the Wabageshik GS between Elizabeth and Augusta Lakes (Route Option 1.) This option would entail a total distance of 10.7 km from the common point near Brazil Lake.

We look forward to continuing to build a fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship with your Community. If you have questions or comments about our projects do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Best regards,



Patrick Gillette
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Cc: Reynen, Rick (MNR); Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Tami Sugarman; Stephanie Davis (stephanie.davis@ceaa-acee.gc.ca); 'Cramm, Ellen (ENE)'; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Wabageshik Rapids PIC: July 25th
Attachments: Wabagishik PIC Ad - July 25 - French.pdf; Wabagishik PIC ad - July 25 final.pdf

Good afternoon,

As Xeneca is committed to providing you updated information pertaining to the proposed Wabageshik Rapids development on the Vermilion River, we would like to inform you of the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) within your area. The facility will have a generating capacity of 3.4 MW. It is categorized as a project on a managed waterway and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (2011) (Class EA) - for more information visit <http://www.owa.ca/class-ea/>. This PIC will bring you up to date on the Class EA process for this project, give you an opportunity to learn more about the project, and view results from our new field studies from 2011 and spring 2012. We encourage everyone who has an interest in this project to attend and provide input.

Xeneca's overall consultation process does not end with this meeting as we will continue to communicate regularly with Aboriginal Communities and stakeholders throughout the development and operational phases. A further opportunity for input will be provided at the Notice of Completion stage of the process, which provides a minimum 30-day comment period for comments on the Environmental Report. Further project information can be obtained by visiting the Xeneca website at www.xeneca.com.

As an alternative, Xeneca would like to extend the invitation for Xeneca to host a Community meeting to present this information to the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve members, which would also provide an opportunity to have a face to face interaction with yourself and your fellow Community members.

If a Community meeting is not a preferred option for your Community, Xeneca and our team of consultants would like to invite yourself and your Community members to attend the PIC to learn about our project in greater detail and explore questions with our staff and consultants on any concerns or inquiries.

The PIC will be held Wednesday July 25th between 4pm to 8pm at the Espanola Recreation Centre located at 175 Avery Drive in the town of Espanola. Attached is the PIC notification as advertised in the local media.

We look forward to working with the Wikwemikong Unceded Community. Please feel free to contact myself, Dean Assinewe, at dassinewe@xeneca.com or by phone at the contact number provided below.

Yours truly,

Dean Assinewe

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July 23, 2012

Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Box 112
19A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, ON P0M 2J0

Dear Chief Fox-Recollet :

We are now completing the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment for project(s) in your area. We want to ensure that your community has ample opportunity to provide input to our projects and to ensure proper consultation is occurring.

Xeneca has also recognized additional communities and organizations brought forward by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA). Xeneca is open to sharing information and consultation with these communities/organizations:

- ❖ Serpent River First Nation
- ❖ Aundeck-omni-kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
- ❖ M'Chigeeng First Nation
- ❖ Sheguiandah First Nation
- ❖ United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

Please find attached for your review and consideration a copy of the DRAFT Aboriginal Consultation Plan (ACP) for the follow developments, authored by Xeneca Power Development:

- ❖ Wabagishik Rapids on the Vermilion River

The Aboriginal Consultation Plan summarizes the objectives and strategies developed to meet the consultation requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for these waterpower developments and a process of engagement thereafter up to Commercial Operations.

ACP in its draft form also commits Xeneca to an ongoing engagement after the EA Report is completed. **Xeneca is also open to making changes to the ACP that take in your community considerations or processes to allow a process to engage with your Community.** While the Community is encouraged to engage in the review of the EA Report within the established timeframe and within the Ministry of Environment's process; the ACP process does allow the Community to engage and raise issues throughout the permitting and approval process after the EA Report is complete and issued Statement of Completion.



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Xeneca is prepared to meet with your community and would like to arrange a time and location; please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison with any questions or to discuss how best to move forward with the ACP.

Thank you in advance for your contributions and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arnold Chan", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Arnold Chan

Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

cc. Electronic copies sent to the following:

Andrew Manitowabi, Resources Coordinator, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Melissa Cooper, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
A.M. Sanford, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Ed Tear, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Bob Robinson, Renewable Energy Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Rick Reynan, Resources Liaison Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/ EA Coordinator, Ministry of the Environment
Stephanie Davis, Environmental Assessment Analyst, CEAA
Tami Sugarman, Principal, Senior Environmental Approvals Advisor, OEL-Hydrosys

Sarah Raymond

From: Andrew Manitowabi [andrewmanitowabi@WIKY.NET]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2012 4:36 PM
To: F N; Hazel Recollet; Melissa Cooper; Duke Peltier
Cc: ed.tear@ontario.ca; Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Cramm, Ellen (ENE); Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt
Subject: RE: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Ahnii Sam

I suggest you come to Wikwemikong and speak with our New Chief and Council to avoid any problems with this project, now or in the future.

Stitch- Andrew Manitowabi
Resources Coordinator
DLNR

From: F N [mailto:FN@xeneca.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Hazel Recollet; Andrew Manitowabi; Melissa Cooper
Cc: ed.tear@ontario.ca; Bob.L.robinson@ontario.ca; Reynen, Rick (MNR); Cramm, Ellen (ENE); Tami Sugarman; Dean Assinewe; Samantha Leavitt; F N
Subject: Archaeology Studies: Wabageshik Rapids

Good afternoon,

Xeneca had sent an e-mail notification to your Community last week to inform and invite your Community to participate in the upcoming Stage Three Archaeology Studies to be performed at the Wabageshik Rapids project location on the Vermilion River.

We would like to provide you the Wikwemikong Unceded Community an update to this schedule as the Stage Two Archaeology report recommends a Stage Three study *IF* the site cannot be avoided. Xeneca is committed to avoiding and protecting the site from impacts related to the proposed development of the Wabageshik project. Should plans change that would result in impacts to the site area, Xeneca is committed to conducting the necessary Stage Three studies as recommended.

We apologize for any confusion on this matter. Xeneca will be sending the Stage Two summary reports to your Community for review and input once it has been finalized and approved for distribution by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport.

Please feel free to forward any additional questions or comments to Dean Assinewe, Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, at (705) 863-1969 or by email dassinewe@xeneca.com.

Meegwetch

Samantha

Samantha Leavitt | Stakeholder Relations | Aboriginal Affairs Liaison | **Xeneca Power Development Inc.**

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Tuesday, October 30, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Duke Peltier
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
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Dear Chief Peltier:

**Re: Proposed Wabagishik Rapids Hydro-Electric Generating Station ("Wabagishik Rapids")
Draft Environment Report ("EA Report")**

As you may be aware, Xeneca is committed to providing your Community the necessary and current information to assist your Community to accurately assess the potential impact on your Community's traditional land use, if any, as a result of the proposed development of the above-noted Wabagishik Rapids project.

We are pleased to present you with the DRAFT EA Report for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids with the intention of providing you an opportunity to review the information gathered throughout the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (the "Class EA") process.

The Draft EA Report has been prepared as required under the Class EA . The EA Report incorporates the planning principles as outlined in the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Xeneca's intention of providing this DRAFT EA Report is not only to provide you time to review the document and its appendices in advance of filing the Statement of Completion under the Class EA, but to initiate the dialogue with your community surrounding the studies performed on the proposed project area. Please find enclosed a CD with the DRAFT Environmental Report which contains the following study reports/ diagrams for your review and comment:

- Annex I
 - Proposed Operating Plan



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- HEC-RAS Unsteady Flow Modeling -Canadian Projects Limited
 - Map: Wabagishik Downstream Features
 - Erosion Potential Assessment
 - Steady State HEC-RAS Report
- Annex II
 - Site Layout Drawing
 - Construction Management Plan
 - Preliminary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Annex III
 - Design, Construction and Operation Information
 - NRSI Wabagishik Report Appendices
 - Transmission Line & Access Road Natural Environment Preliminary Analysis
 - Aquatic Assessment Mapping / Details
 - Terrestrial Assessment Mapping
 - Vegetation Inventory
 - Bird Species List
 - Herpetofauna Species List
 - Mammal Species List
 - Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Screening
 - Natural Environment Characterization and Impact Assessment Report
- Annex IV
 - Surface Water Quality and Fish Sampling Guidance
 - Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Annex V
 - Archaeological Assessment
 - Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment – NOT INCLUDED IN THE CD
- Annex VI
 - Line and Roads Report Summary
- Appendix A
 - Designation of Managed Waterway for Purpose of Class EA
 - MNR Sudbury District – Values Map
 - Site Information Package
- Appendix B
 - Potential Effects Identification Matrix for Construction and Operation
- Appendix C
 - Master Copy of Combined Project Information Files



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- Appendix D
 - Public Consultation
- Appendix E
 - Aboriginal Communications

As each of these reports are quite large in size, we have provided you the electronic copies of the documents for ease in navigation. If you community would prefer a hard copy of any of the reports listed above, please feel free to contact Xeneca's Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below as we would be more than happy to provide the document(s) in paper form directly to your community.

Please be advised that in Annex V – the Stage 2 Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment document has not been included since it has not yet received formal approval from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS). A copy of this report will be sent to you in the future once we have received MTCS' clearance letter.

In addition to the CD enclosed, a hard copy of the panels that were displayed at the most recent Public Information Centre (PIC) have been provided. These panels provide information related to the updated modeling on the project and help to provide your community additional information related to upstream and downstream inundation for the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project. The PIC panels provide a good summary of the location of key features of the proposed Wabagishik Rapids project and potential impacts.

Xeneca's intention is to provide the documents to assist in continuing the dialogue surrounding the potential impacts the project may have on our Community. As an extension to providing you the information, Xeneca would like to put forward an invitation to meet with your community to further discuss the information, whether this be in the form of a formal presentation, a face-to-face meeting, or engaging in a teleconference.

Xeneca also recognizes that for many communities, there are significant pressures and capacity issues to digest the disclosed information. To that end, Xeneca is prepared to provide such necessary assistance so as to readily understand the information that is being presented. If this would be of interest, again, please contact Dean Assinewe at the contact information noted below.

Please advise should your community wish to take advantage of any of the above invitations and we would be more than willing to work with your Community to find an agreeable date and time.



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If you have questions or comments about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705-863-1969 or dassinewe@xeneca.com. Dean will make contact with your community in the near future as a follow up to this package to address any questions or concerns that you may have at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Andrew Manitowabi, Resources Coordinator, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Melissa Cooper, Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca Power Development
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Monday, November 5, 2012

BY COURIER:

Chief Duke Peltier
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

Dear Chief Peltier:

**Re: Wabagishik Rapids First Nations Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 PM
Delta Sault Ste. Marie Waterfront Hotel and Conference Centre
Sault Ste. Marie, ON**

Xeneca is pleased to invite you to a meeting to discuss the Wabagishik Project on November 13, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. This meeting has been called on behalf of a number of interested First Nation communities who may be affected by the project proposal. The Project is currently going through an EA process and the report will be submitted in a short time.

There are two important components of the project proposal; the first is to seek First Nation input into the Environmental Assessment and second to seek First Nation business to business relationships as mandated by the Ministry of Energy's Green Energy Act and MNR's Site Release Policy. The main purpose for this meeting is to provide a project presentation and an opportunity for the Chiefs (or their representative) to have a round table discussion about the project and their community's level of interest.

Xeneca is prepared to assist communities to participate at the meeting by offering to cover travel costs (mileage \$0.50/km) and 1 night hotel accommodation at the Delta Waterfront hotel. Xeneca will also provide lunch before the meeting on November 13, 2012.



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If you have any questions about this meeting please contact Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison at 705 863 1969 or email dassinewe@xeneca.com

Meegwetch,

Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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April 11, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

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Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
WIKWEMIKONG, Ontario
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Attn: Chief Duke Peltier

Dear Chief Peltier:

Re: Archaeological Stage II Report Wabagishik Rapids project, Vermillion River

Xeneca Power Development is undertaking archaeological studies at each of its Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) project areas. Xeneca has contracted the services of licensed archaeologists from Woodland Heritage Services Limited to complete this work.

The first component in these studies is a Stage I Archaeological Impact Assessment which involves a *desk-top* analysis which compares available information from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) database and also uses computer modeling to identify areas of High Cultural Heritage Potential. The second component of the archaeological assessment process is a Stage II report which involves a field study at the project location where the archeologist and assistants dig shovel test pits with screening of the soil in search of evidence of cultural heritage values. The results of the field work are documented in the Stage II report and submitted to the MTCS for a review and acceptance into the Provincial Report Registry. The report version placed into the registry is redacted and does not have site information or other information that would be in violation of *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA).

Xeneca appreciates the value the Aboriginal Communities place on their culture, traditions and is submitting the Stage II report for your consideration. As this is an original and not a redacted report, please keep the site locations and other cultural information confidential as this is a requirement of the OHA.



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If there are any questions, concerns or knowledge about other cultural heritage values existing within the project footprint, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. In the alternative, you may reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to dassinewe@xeneca.com. We will arrange a meeting with Woodland Heritage to review the Stage 2 work.

Please note that archaeological reports are not traditional knowledge or traditional land use studies and are not archival based historical studies. Archaeology involves the buried history of the First Nations, Métis, and European Settlers and as such is focused on the physical remains found on or buried within the project disturbance areas. Any history provided is for general reference purposes and is not intended to be a complete history of any group and in fact it is not possible with the current level of science to connect pre-contact archaeological sites to any specific present day First Nation community.

We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

Meegwetch!

Yours truly,

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

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- c. Melissa Cooper, *Energy Coordinator, Wikwemikong*
Dean Assinewe, *Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca*



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July 15, 2013

BY REGULAR MAIL:

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive
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Attn: Chief Duke Peltier

Dear Chief Peltier:

Re: Avoidance strategy plan for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) at Wabagishik Rapids

Xeneca Power Development is working with Woodland Heritage Services (WHS) to prepare an avoidance strategy plan in accordance with the requirements set by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for the Belmer Site (CbHj-1) located at Wabagishik Rapids.

Xeneca appreciates the importance of this culturally significant site to First Nation Communities and has taken key steps in order to avoid any impacts to the site due to the proposed construction and operation of the Wabagishik Rapids Hydro Generating Station (GS).

The location of the Wabagishik Rapids dam and powerhouse [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belmer site will not be affected based upon the planned operations for Wabagishik Rapids GS by any potential changes to water levels or flows [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Furthermore, because the Wabagishik Rapids GS is planned to operate within the historical flow ranges of the river, there will be no flow impacts outside the natural ranges currently experienced at the site area.

Additionally, Xeneca had a recent opportunity to visit the Belmer site with Elders and members of two First Nation communities (Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation) to perform a water ceremony and to discuss the avoidance and protection strategy at the site.

Please find enclosed the avoidance strategy plan for you review. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at (416) 590-3067 or by email to: achan@xeneca.com. Alternatively, you can also reach my colleague, Dean Assinewe at (705) 863-1969 or by email to: dassinewe@xeneca.com.



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We look forward to working with your community and discussing any of their concerns.

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Yours truly,

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Arnold Chan
Vice President, Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.

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cc. Melissa Cooper, Energy Coordinator, Wikwemikong
Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Affairs Liaison, Xeneca
Trevor Griffin, District Manager, MNR Sudbury District
Ellen Cramm, Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, MOE



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BY REGULAR MAIL:

July 16, 2013

Wikwemikong Development Commission
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, Ontario
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Attn: Chuck Peltier, Business & Marketing Officer

Dear Chuck:

Re: 8th Annual WDC Golf Challenge – Sponsorship

Further to your recent request, Xeneca Power Development is very please to support the upcoming 8th Annual WDC Golf Challenge. We are particularly pleased to know that part of the proceeds will go towards sponsoring bursaries and youth initiatives in Wikwemikong. Further to same, we enclose our firm cheque in the amount of \$400.00.

Please accept our very best wishes for a successful and enjoyable golf tournament on July 26th.

Kind regards,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Arnold Chan
Vice-President, Aboriginal Affairs & General Counsel

/encl.

c. Dean Assinewe

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve No. 26

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July 31, 2013

Arnold Chan, VP
Aboriginal Affairs and General Counsel
Xeneca Power Development Inc.
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Dear Mr. Chan;

Re: Correspondence on Wabegishik Rapids Water Power Development Plans

From reviewing the materials provided by Xeneca Power regarding the 'Avoidance Strategy Plan' received July 23, 2013, and project updates provided to First Nations during in-person meeting held in Whitefish River First Nation on April 24, 2013, I am confident that Xeneca will take all measures to ensuring that the construction of these particular rapids are drafted with avoidance evaluations for sacred sites such as the Belmer site and also to mitigate the environmental degradation that is to occur in the development of the Wabegishik Rapids site.

Furthermore, although Wikwemikong was unable to participate in the recent site visit on June 20th where we understand a water ceremony was conducted by the elders of Whitefish River, Xeneca had since provided a very thorough summary of the events held during that site review and we thank you for sharing that opportunity and follow-up information with us.

With the above in mind we look forward to further deliberations on these partnership opportunities with the Water Power projects being proposed in our shared territory. If you should have any questions please contact Melissa Cooper, Energy Planner, at: 705-859-2900 or via e-mail at: mcooper@wikydevcom.ca.

Sincerely,


Ogimaa Duke Peltier

C.C. Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Council

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Meeting Notes
From the Wikwemikong Development Corporation: Community Trade Show on
Apprenticeship Opportunities and Renewable Energy
Wabagishik Project on the Vermillion River

Location: Wikwemikong Arena, Wikwemikong, Ontario
Date & Time: Tuesday August 20, 2013 at 10 AM – 4 PM

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve	Xeneca Power Development
Melisa Cooper, Energy Planner	Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison
Wikwemikong Youth, community members	

On Tuesday August 20, 2013, Dean Assinewe, Aboriginal Relations Liaison set up a Wabagishik Project information booth at the Wikwemikong Development Corporation (WDC) Community Trade Show on Apprenticeship Opportunities and Renewable Energy. The purpose of the trade show was to raise awareness about all the apprenticeship and renewable energy opportunities available in the current market. As a company with a project in development in the territories, Xeneca was asked to participate at the conference to share information about its potential project on the Vermillion River: Wabagishik Rapids.

During the trade show youth, high school students and members of the community participated in industry presentations, workshops and lectures on Entrepreneurship and Motivation.

At the Xeneca booth, participants had access to viewing company information, displays and Wabagishik Project maps. Students and the general membership asked a range of question about the Xeneca and the project such as:

- Where is the project?
- When will it be built?
- Will there be employment and training opportunities in construction?
- Will there be employment in operations?
- Where will to power be transmitted to?
- Will there be any flooding?
- What will happen to the fish?
- How high will the dam be?
- What other communities are involved?
- Will the jobs be unionized?

Wikwemikong also has a TV station (Wiky TV5) who was on location videoing the event. Dean Assinewe took the opportunity to be interviewed by the Wiky TV and share information about Xeneca, the Wabagishik Project and offer his opinion as to *why it is important to raise awareness about opportunities in apprenticeship and renewable energy.*

Xeneca had business cards, pens, golf shirts to give away to participants who visited the booth. Xeneca also contributed 2 fleece sweaters to the tradeshow draw.

Although the Wabagishik Project is in developmental stages of the OWA Waterpower Class EA, there was great benefit to continuing communication and relationship building with Wikwemikong and offer to support to their youth capacity building and economic development interests in renewable energy.