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Title :

Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) Designation and Exemption of Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP)

General Reason for Notice:

This notice is for your information. The Environmental Bill of Rights does not require this notice to be placed on the Environmental Registry, however, section 6 of the Act does allow the Environmental Registry to be used to share information about the environment with the public.

Further Specific Explanation:

The Minister of Environment, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council has made a regulation that designates the IPSP (which means any integrated power system plan developed by the Ontario Power Authority under Part II.2 of the Electricity Act, 1998), as an undertaking to which the EAA applies. The regulation also exempts this undertaking from Part II of the EAA and undertakings of the Crown related to the IPSP.

Short Description:

The regulation has the effect of designating the IPSP subject to the EAA, and then exempting it from the requirement to undertake an individual environmental assessment in accordance with Part II of the EAA and activities of the Crown related to the IPSP. Given that the IPSP is not an undertaking that is subject to the EAA a designation is required in order to exempt it. The regulation confirms and reflects the legislative framework under the Electricity Act, 1998, with respect to the OPA and the IPSP, and confirms the government's long standing position that government policy planning as reflected in the Directive is not an undertaking that is subject to the EAA. In this respect, the regulation is administrative in nature. The projects which result from the IPSP will be subject to all applicable environmental assessment processes.

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