

16.0 FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES

This Environmental Assessment (EA) Report has been prepared in accordance with the Federal Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (Appendix B-1) and the Provincially-approved, Amended Terms of Reference (ToR; Appendix C-1). It has also been prepared in accordance with the Provincial *Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario* (MOE 2009c) and other Federal and Provincial guidelines / codes of practice / operation policy statements described elsewhere in this EA Report.

Circumstances may arise that could prevent the commitments made in the approved ToR and/or this final EA Report from being made in full or in part. It is recognized that the Rainy River Project (RRP) has recently completed a Feasibility Engineering Study, and detailed design and consultation is ongoing. Situations may therefore arise that cause Rainy River Resources (RRR) to be unable to completely fulfil the commitments contained in the approved ToR and this final EA Report, as a result of a need to accommodate new circumstances.

As part of the final EA Report, RRR may develop short term contingency plans as appropriate to gain further flexibility, such as minor design changes or specific consultation activities. To date this has not been necessary. Such plans will outline a course of action to be followed if unforeseen situations arise that would prevent RRR from implementing or operating a component of the RRP on a temporary basis, for example.

