

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

Ottawa, November 9, 1948.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of January 11, 1909, the Governments of Canada and the United States have agreed to refer to the International Joint Commission the following matters for joint examination and advisory report, including recommendations and conclusions:

1. To review existing plans for the construction of hydro-electric power plants at Passamaquoddy and Cobscook Bays, arms of the Bay of Fundy, which are located at the mouth of the St. Croix River, a boundary stream between the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick.

2. To report on the scope of the investigation that would be necessary, together with the estimated cost thereof, to enable the Commission to report whether any of these or other plans for using these waters is practicable, and is desirable from the point of view of public convenience and necessity.

3. To report its recommendations as to the basis on which the costs of the investigation shall be apportioned to each country.

In the conduct of its examination, and otherwise in the performance of its duties under this Reference, the International Joint Commission may utilize such information and technical data as have been acquired by the technical agencies of either Government or which may become available during the course of the investigation, thus avoiding duplication of effort and unnecessary expense.

Yours sincerely,

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