

**TREATY BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CONCERNING THE DIVERSION OF THE NIAGARA RIVER**

Canada and the United States of America, recognizing their primary obligation to preserve and enhance the scenic beauty of the Niagara Falls and River and, consistent with that obligation, their common interest in providing for the most beneficial use of the waters of that River,

Considering that the quantity of water which may be diverted from the Niagara River for power purposes is at present fixed by Article V of the treaty with respect to the boundary waters between Canada and the United States of America, signed at Washington January 11, 1909, between Great Britain and the United States of America, and by notes exchanged between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America in 1940, 1941, and 1948, authorizing for emergency purposes temporary additional diversions,

Recognizing that the supply of low-cost power in northeastern United States and southeastern Canada is now insufficient to meet existing and potential requirements and considering that the water resources of the Niagara River may be more fully and efficiently used than is now permitted by international agreement,

Desiring to avoid a continuing waste of a great natural resource and to make it possible for Canada and the United States of America to develop, for the benefit of their respective peoples, equal shares of the waters of the Niagara River available for power purposes, and,

Realizing that any redevelopment of the Niagara River for power in Canada and the United States of America is not advisable until the total diversion of water which may be made available for power purposes is authorized permanently and any restrictions on the use thereof are agreed upon,

Have resolved to conclude a treaty in furtherance of these ends and for that purpose have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

Canada:

H. H. Wrong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to the United States of America, and

The United States of America:

Dean Acheson, Secretary of State of the United States of America,

Who, after having communicated to one another their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE I**

This Treaty shall terminate the third, fourth, and fifth paragraphs of Article V of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America relating to boundary waters and questions arising between Canada and the United States of America dated January 11, 1909, and the provisions embodied in the notes exchanged between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America at Washington on May 20, 1941, October 27, 1941, November 27, 1941, and December 23, 1948 regarding temporary diversions of water of the Niagara River for power purposes.