



## **Media Advisory**

### **Grand Council Treaty #3 to initiate legal action related to power generation in its Territory**

**What:** Announcement of details related to legal action being initiated by Grand Council Treaty #3 on behalf of the members of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty 3. The Grand Council's request for a Judicial Review asks the Court to set aside Ontario's award of power contracts to hydro generation dams in Treaty 3 territory that will cause new and continuing adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights.

**When:** Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

**Who:** Ogichidaakwe (Grand Chief) Diane M. Kelly  
Chief Janice Henderson of the Mitaanjigamiing First Nation  
Chief Earl Klyne of the Seine River First Nation  
David Estrin, Legal Counsel, Gowlings

**Where:** Room 149, Queen's Park Media Studio, Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2

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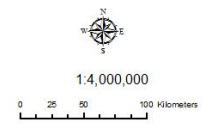
*Grand Council Treaty #3 is the historic government of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty 3 and is the political government for the 26 Treaty 3 communities in northwestern Ontario and 2 Treaty 3 communities in Manitoba. The area of Treaty 3 within the Province of Ontario can be described in general terms as the lands and waters in and around the Lake of the Woods watershed, including the Rainy River and the lands below the height of land separating the Hudson Bay and Lake Winnipeg watershed.*

*The Grand Council consists of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty 3 ("National Assembly"), Chiefs of the Anishinaabe communities in Treaty 3 ("Chiefs Assembly"), and a Grand Chief who oversees the administration of the political/legal mandates through an Executive Council of Chiefs and Elders. The Grand Council serves to advance the interests of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty 3 citizens who are also members of 28 distinct Anishinaabe communities.*

*The Grand Council is led by the Grand Chief who speaks on behalf of, and represents, the Grand Council in dealings with the provincial and federal Crowns.*

**ACH dams:** Calgary based BluEarth Renewables Inc. announced it had acquired ACH Limited Partnership stocks in May 2011. Previously owned by Abitibi Bowater and the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, the ACH suite of dams is eight hydroelectric plants that supply a total capacity of 131 megawatts in Ontario. BluEarth partner in this \$640 million acquisition is the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. These plants have approximately 19 years remaining in a 20-year power purchase agreement with the Ontario Power Authority, and will generate long-term stable cash flows for BluEarth.

### Treaty 3 Power Generating Stations



**Legend**

- Treaty 3 Boundary
- First Nations
- Power Generating Stations
- Hydrolines
- railway

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