

## POWER FOR THE 1980s

Ontario Hydro will be seeking a site in Northwestern Ontario over the next few months for a second thermal generating station to serve the region in the 1980s. The new station is part of the expansion program approved in principle by the Ontario government and tabled in the legislature on June 7, along with the comprehensive report on energy released by the Hon. Darcy McKeough, Ontario Minister of Energy.

Hydro Chairman George Gathercole said the total program involves some \$4 billion and includes five new major generating stations across the province. Another part of the program affecting the region he said is the proposal of two additional units at the existing coal-fired Thunder Bay generating station.

In commenting on the plan to establish a site for a new generating station Mr. Gathercole said Hydro intends to follow a course of public participation in determining where the new plant with an initial capacity of 800,000-kilowatts would be located.

"As the first step in establishing a site for the new plant we will be holding public meetings in Thunder Bay in October. At the meetings Hydro personnel will outline the need for expansion of the system, the technical constraints and other details which will be needed in order that the public can participate in the decision on the plant's location," he said.

Mr. Gathercole emphasized the fact that Hydro was committed to the principle of involving the public in siting generating stations and transmission lines. He said that this principle is being followed in other parts of the province.

"We want to give the public a voice in the determination and location of Hydro facilities. We want to find locations which are acceptable from all points of view, including cost, to the community as a whole. But if the interests of the community as a whole are to be ser-

ved, it is imperative that representatives of the so-called silent majority speak out," he said.

In broad outline, Mr. Gathercole said the new site would involve up to 1,000 acres, be located along the Lake Superior shore relatively close to Thunder Bay, the Northwest's centre of demand and would provide room for future expansion. He said that the station to be located on the site would probably be fossil-fuelled but could be nuclear. A second station could be located on the same site some time in the future to meet the needs of the latter part of the century.

The fuel for a fossil plant, could be bituminous coal, lignite, natural gas or crude oil from Western Canada or coal from the United States as presently used to fuel the existing Thunder Bay unit. The two new units at the Thunder Bay site would be fuelled with lignite from Western Canada. To accommodate this expansion the present Thunder Bay station property will need to be enlarged.

Timing of construction of the additional units at Thunder Bay will be determined following negotiations with Manitoba Hydro to extend the present contract for providing power to Ontario.

Construction of a generating station at the new site will be scheduled so that the station is ready to meet the growth in consumption of power in the region forecast for the next decade.

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