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Letters to the Editor
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Thursday's article on the proposed Niagara River hydrokinetic power projects contained several inaccuracies.

Houston-based Hydro Green Energy has proposed two 70 megawatt projects, not projects that will generate "about 2,700 kilowatts of electricity per year." Each facility, if built as envisioned, will produce 582,540,000 kWh a year, enough clean energy for nearly 39,000 homes.

The article stated it is "unlikely that any system could be up and running before 2013." Hydro Green intends to utilize FERC's hydrokinetic pilot licensing process and plans to have equipment in the water on a small scale basis in 2010. The purpose of this approach is to first test our equipment and monitor the environmental, navigational and recreational impacts, if any, before deploying the full projects.

Lastly, I did not refer to impacts on fish from conventional hydropower facilities as "unfounded rumors." In response to a question presented to me about "the sushi effect," I responded by stating that fish impacts are often overstated or misunderstood. While I noted that fish impacts was an issue that has long plagued the conventional hydropower industry, I also made it quite clear that the industry's significant efforts to mitigate for those impacts often go unnoticed.

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