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Mr. Rory Grewar Executive Secretary Clean Environment Commission 305-155 Carlton Street Winnipeg MB R3C 3H8

Dear Mr. Grewar:

Re: Wuskwatim Proposed Schedule and Pimicikamak Notice of Motion

Proposed Wuskwatim Schedule

- The Manitoba Hydro/NCN proposed schedule is consistent with the advice given by the Project Administration Team with the objective of meeting a 2009 in-service date for the generation project.
- The advice given by the Project Administration Team did include caution that the hearing process and schedule was the responsibility of the Clean Environment Commission.
- The time allotted in the proposed schedule for a recommendation on the adequacy of the supplemental filing and an Environment Act licencing decision following receipt of the report from the Clean Environment Commission is doable.
- The Project Administration Team would make a decision by August 22, 2003 on the adequacy of the *Environmental Impact Statement* and the *Needs For and Alternatives To Report* for referral to the Clean Environment Commission for the public hearing after completion of the review of the *Supplemental Filing Report*. If the decision is positive, the Clean Environment Commission would be able to proceed with advertising and commencing the public hearing within a 30-day period from Aug 22, 2003.
- It is recommended that the Clean Environment Commission decide on and inform the participants of the proposed hearing schedule by August 8, 2003.

Pimicikamak Notice of Motion

- I will be filing information in opposition to the Notice of Motion.
- It is recommended that the Clean Environment Commission consider and take a decision on the Notice of Motion on or before August 22, 2003.

Yours truly, ian~

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