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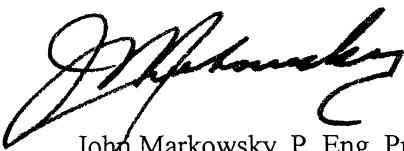
Dear Mr. Strachan;

SUBJECT: On Site Explosives for Wuskwatim Generating Station

This is to provide additional clarification to the Wuskwatim EIS submission regarding the process for utilizing explosives during the planned construction of the Wuskwatim Generating Station.

The drilling and blasting activities for the construction of the GS will be an activity forming part of the General Civil Contract. As such the successful contractor will have the responsibility to prepare and submit a complete drilling and blasting plan which will include the planned storage, transportation and use of explosives. That contract will not be awarded until early 2005 and so the explosives plan has not been determined. The plan may involve the use of prepared gel packs but also may involve the mixing of some ingredients on site. The contractor will be required by Manitoba Hydro to comply with all regulations and to obtain any permits required by all Acts including the Explosives Act.

Yours Truly,



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