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Clean Environment Commission
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Dear Mr. Sargeant:

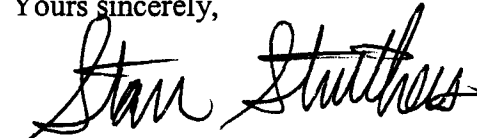
This is further to your May 31, 2005 letter and report on the public hearing respecting *The Red River Floodway Expansion Project*. Pursuant to Section 12(8) of The Environment Act, I am providing written documentation of the reasons for not incorporating certain of the Commission's recommendations in an Environment Act Licence for the project.

I am in agreement with almost all of the Commission's licencing recommendations on this project, and have incorporated these recommendations in Environment Act Licence No. 2691, which you will be receiving with this letter. For the five licencing recommendations that I have not incorporated in the Licence, a disposition summary follows.

With respect to the Commission's non-licencing recommendations, I have asked the Licencees to report on matters within their jurisdiction. Several of the non-licencing recommendations involve the environmental assessment process. We will examine these matters more closely in connection with updates to the Act and its regulations, and in discussions with our federal colleagues.

I appreciate the diligence of the Commission's Panel and its staff and consultants for this project in conducting the hearing and preparing the report.

Yours sincerely,



Stan Struthers
Minister of Conservation

- c. G. Berezuk, Manitoba Water Stewardship
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Pursuant to Section 12(8) of The Environment Act, I hereby provide the reasons for not adopting certain recommendations of the Clean Environment Commission in Environment Act Licence No. 2691 respecting the Red River Floodway Expansion Project:

Recommendation 6.12

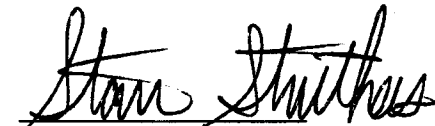
Reason for not adopting:

This recommendation addresses a matter outside the jurisdiction of The Environment Act. The Licencees have been asked to report on this matter without direction respecting how the matter should be addressed.

Recommendations 10.1 to 10.4

Reason for not adopting:

These recommendations relate to matters beyond the scope of the project, and address ancillary projects that would not themselves require licencing pursuant to the Act. The Licencees have been asked to report on these matters outside of the Licence.



Stan Struthers
Minister, Environment Act

July 8, 2005

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