



May 19, 2004

Mr. David Chartrand, President
Manitoba Métis Federation Inc
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Dear Mr. Chartrand:

Re: Wuskwatim Generation and Transmission Projects

We listened carefully to the various presentations made on behalf of the MMF at the Clean Environment Commission Hearings.

While there is a difference of view about many facets of consultation and the efforts which have been made by the project proponents to share and receive information as part of the environmental impact assessment process, focusing on that which has already occurred would not appear to serve anyone's interests.

As our legal counsel indicated to Ms. Teillet during the noon recess on Friday May 14, 2004, Manitoba Hydro and NCN remain committed to having appropriate staff and advisors meet with representatives of the MMF to review the project, the activities of the proponents to date and the analyses arising from the investigations and consultations. As part of a process, the proponents would hope to receive from the MMF the perspectives of its membership with respect to the pathways of effects and impacts of the Wuskwatim generation and transmission projects on the activities and culture of Métis people. There would obviously be a need to have discussion and consensus on an appropriate process to share the perspectives of the proponents and the MMF membership and the reasonable costs of such a process.

We look forward to your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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