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Mr. Terry Duguid, Chairperson  
Manitoba Clean Environment Commission  
305-155 Carlton Street  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3H8

Dear Mr. Duguid:

As you are aware, the Environmental Approvals Branch of my department has received two Proposals from Manitoba Hydro concerning the proposed development of the Wuskwatim Generating Station project and the associated Wuskwatim Transmission Line Project. Pursuant to Section 6(5) of The Environment Act, I request that the Commission arrange to hold a public hearing on these Proposals and following the hearing, provide me with a report pursuant to Section 7(3) of The Environment Act. Terms of Reference for the Commission's hearing will be developed and forwarded to you, at a later date.

Prior to holding the public hearing on these Proposals, I further request that the Commission arrange to hold public meetings to solicit public input to Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines that have been prepared for these Proposals. As the deadline for public comment on the Proposals and the Draft EIS Guidelines has been established as February 20, 2002, I request that the public meetings be held before that date. Further, I believe it is appropriate that the public meetings include a venue in northern Manitoba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Lathlin'.

Oscar Lathlin  
Minister