



Pimicikamak Okimawin
P.O. Box 10

Cross Lake, Manitoba R0B 0J0
Phone: (204)676-2218 Fax: (204)676-3155

May 14, 2007

The Honourable Gary Doer – Premier of Manitoba (Fx: 204-949-1484)

Honourable Greg Selinger – Minister Responsible for Hydro (Fx: 204-945-6057)

Honourable Oscar Lalblin – Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs (Fx: 204-945-8374)

Honourable Eric Robinson – Minister of Culture and Heritage (Fx: 204-945-5223)

Hugh MacFayden – Leader of the Opposition (Fx: 204-945-1299)

Dr. Jon Gerrard – Leader of the Liberal Party (Fx: 204-284-1492)

Robert B. Brennan – Chief Executive Officer, Manitoba Hydro (204-474-4114)

Ruth Kristjanson – Vice President, Manitoba Hydro (Fx: 204-474-4854)

Darrell Cockerill – Manager of Aboriginal Relations, Manitoba Hydro (Fx: 204-474-4114)

The Honourable Stephen Harper – Prime Minister of Canada (Fx: 613-941-6900)

Honourable Jim Prentice – Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs (Fx: 866-817-3977)

Re: **URGENT: Response One to Pimicikamak's Call to Action Re Manitoba Hydro**

Dears Sirs and Mesdames:

We received a positive commitment from Manitoba's Liberal Party.

By letter faxed to you on May 2, 2007, we sent to you Pimicikamak's Notice of Indigenous Power: that we are moving to the next stage in the fight for justice, for the lands, waters, and indigenous rights and way of life.

In that Notice, we asked all parties running in the Manitoba election, to commit to remedial action, which was listed.

Dr. Jon Gerrard, leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, has responded with positive commitments to this Call to Action.

The Manitoba election is fast approaching on May 22. We are looking for matching commitments from the Progressive Conservative and NDP Parties before then. **Are you prepared to make such commitments? If not, why not?**

There is nothing new in the Call to Action. These are actions that should have been carried out by the Crown Parties beginning many years ago. The Northern Flood Agreement was signed almost 30 years ago.

The Call to Action lists eight items:

- 1) The NFA treaty will be implemented in its spirit and intent.
- 2) They will respect and deal with the government of the Pimicikamak people, Pimicikamak Okimawin, regarding Pimicikamak rights and interests and responsibilities.
- 3) They will deal with the Cross Lake Band of Indians administration only regarding the legitimate business of the Band.
- 4) They will negotiate in good faith with Pimicikamak for equitable allocation of Manitoba Hydro revenues, to reflect the benefits they take from our traditional territory and compensate for impacts of Hydro operations.
- 5) Hydro will reimburse Pimicikamak's reasonable costs for NFA implementation as promised, and cooperate in the re-opening of Pimicikamak's NFA office.
- 6) The Crown Parties will fund and participate in preparation of community and governmental plans for revival and survival of the Pimicikamak people as contemplated by the NFA treaty.
- 7) They will work cooperatively with Pimicikamak to create and implement annual "action plans" for NFA treaty implementation.
- 8) Hydro will provide training and assistance to Pimicikamak and Cross Lake First Nation to maximize energy efficiency and minimize waste from which it profits at our expense.

We look forward to responses from the other two parties.

Sincerely,

Alex J. Robinson / Vice Chief

for Chief John Miswagon

Pimicikamak Okimawin

cc. Media