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To Manitoba Clean Environment Commission  
From Green Party of Manitoba

**Re:** Bipole III Transmission Hearings - Responses to the August 8, 2012 Motions by the Consumers'  
Association of Canada and the Bipole III Coalition

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August 13, 2012

In accordance with the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) *Process Guidelines* and the directions given by the chair during pre-hearing conferences, the Green Party of Manitoba (GPM) is responding to the motions by the Consumers' Association of Canada and the Bipole III Coalition.

We are requesting a brief amount of time to speak to each motion. We wish to speak in favour of an adjournment, with our preference being the longer adjournment proposed by the Consumers' Association of Canada.

We submit that there are problems with the material record, and with the large amount of information filed since mid-July an adjournment and an extension in the amount of time for information requests is required.

We submit that there is a lack of clarity in regards to what is, and what is not, germane to the Bipole III hearings and this is inhibiting clarity and/or fairness in the hearing process.

We are requesting that the CEC issue further clarification in terms of objective criteria as to what is, and what is not, relevant.

In our response to the motions we anticipate referring to the following materials:

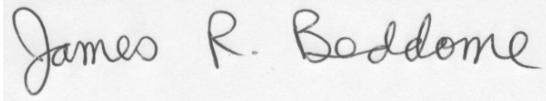
- March 26, 2012 Letter from Peter Miller, Green Action Centre to CEC Chair Terry Sargeant\*
- June 8, 2012 Letter from Jason Madden, Counsel for Manitoba Métis Federation to CEC Chair Terry Sargeant\*
- June 14, 2012 Terry Sargeant, Clean Environment Commission Chair, response to June 8, 2012 letter from Jason Madden\*
- December 5, 2011 Manitoba Conservation “Terms of Reference Clean Environment Commission Manitoba Hydro Bipole III Transmission Line Project: A Major Reliability Initiative (the Project)”
  - <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/36/Terms%20of%20Reference%20Bipole%20III.pdf>
- Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, “Process Guidelines Respecting Public Hearings”
  - [http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/file/Procedures%20Manual%202012\(2\).pdf](http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/file/Procedures%20Manual%202012(2).pdf)
- Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, May 10, 2012 Transcript: Bipole III Hearings Participant Pre-Conference
  - <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/36/Transcript%20Pre-hearing%20May%2010,%202012.pdf>
- Manitoba Clean Environment Commission, July 19, 2012 Transcript: Bipole III Hearings Participant Pre-Conference
  - <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/36/cecjuly1912a.pdf>
- Manitoba Clean Environment Commission “An investigation into changes requested to Louisiana-Pacific Environment Act Licence”
  - <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/1/L-P%20reportfinal.pdf>
- March 26, 2009 Manitoba Conservation “Terms of Reference: Clean Environment Commission Investigation into Louisiana Pacific's Licence Change Request”
  - [http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/1/Hearings-Louisiana-Pacific-Terms\\_of\\_Reference-Mandate\\_Terms.pdf](http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/1/Hearings-Louisiana-Pacific-Terms_of_Reference-Mandate_Terms.pdf)
- September 1, 2009 Green Party of Manitoba submission to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission on Louisiana Pacific's License Change Request
  - [http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/1/Manitoba\\_GreenParty.pdf](http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/resource/hearings/1/Manitoba_GreenParty.pdf)
- March 21, 2012 Green Party of Manitoba submission on Bipole III submitted to the Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship Environmental Approvals Branch
  - [http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/5433bipole/pubcomm\\_2of5.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/5433bipole/pubcomm_2of5.pdf)
- December 2011 Manitoba Hydro Bipole III Environmental Impact Statement, supporting Technical Reports, and subsequent filings
  - <http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipoleIII/eis.shtml>
- Federal Court of Canada (1999), *Alberta Wilderness Assn. v. Cardinal River Coals Ltd.*
  - <http://canlii.ca/t/47rs>
- Statutes of Manitoba, *Environment Act*, CCSM c. E125.
  - <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/e125e.php>
- Statutes of Manitoba, *Sustainable Development Act* including Schedules A & B: *Sustainable Development Principles & Guidelines*
  - <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/s270e.php> Process Guidelines
- June 2010, Bipole III Transmission Project: A Major Reliability Improvement Initiative

Environmental Assessment Scoping Document

- <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/5433bipole/scopedoc.pdf>

To reduce the number of attachments for ease of e-mail transmission, wherever possible we have provided links to the online location of these documents. Only those documents listed at the very top that have an asterisk beside them have been attached. We will also refer to the motions filed by the Consumers' Association of Canada and the Bipole III Coalition, but have not attached them as they have already been made part of the record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "James R. Beddome" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

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