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Mr. Rory Grewar  
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EXHIBIT # CNF-1000  
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CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Grewar:

Please be advised that 3 of our on site presenters/witnesses are unable to participate Tuesday March 16. This arrangement for March 16, 2004 presentation time was entered into based on the earlier schedule from the CEC, and on our concerns as to best use of our limited resources for the hearings. (We had to plan ahead re: flights, and other costs.) We continue to make every effort to participate and work with the limitations and schedules of those individuals who have offered to participate in the hearings, on behalf of the public participants, including Manitoba Wildlands.

We would respectfully request that these three presenters/witnesses be part of the schedule on April 7, 2004, in the morning. It has become evident more recently that these presenters would not have fit into the March 16, 2004 hearing schedule. It is further evident that the rest of this week's hearing schedule is very full. Our request however is based on complications in presenters' schedules, not recent factors.

We have requested participation from presenters who we thought would be useful for the CEC to hear. Certainly that is our objective, and that objective applies to the request for phone in calls Wednesday, March 16. It also applies to Ovide Mercredi, Elizabeth May, and Will Gilmore.

We appreciate that the CEC chair and panel aim to support public participants' capacity and ability to participate in these hearings, and the previous stages of the CEC process. Manitoba Wildlands, CNF is using its remaining public participant resources and capacity regarding the Wuskwatim projects, carefully. In turn we are not aware of any past refusal by the CEC to hear a presenter, or to not accept documentation from a presenter. Nor have we heard any objections concerning filing information regarding our presenters until this past weekend. The CEC standard for flexibility in scheduling is presumably based on ability to participate, including both when and how. We trust that flexibility also applies to the citizens who have had complications that changed their schedules this week.

All of the public presenters have graciously accepted Manitoba Hydro's long list of presenters without a clear idea what each presenter will say at the hearing. We, as public presenters, expect the same courtesy and trust that our presenters will also be able to speak to the panel about the Wuskwatim Projects in the areas specified on their presentation summaries.

Sincerely,



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