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Mr. Terry Sargeant
Chair
Clean Environment Commission
Room 305 - 155 Carlton Street
Winnipeg MB R3C 3H8

Dear Mr. Sargeant:

The Minister of Water Stewardship, the Honourable Christine Melnick, has requested the assistance of the Clean Environment Commission in reviewing Manitoba Hydro's request for a final license under the Water Power Act pertaining to the regulation of Lake Winnipeg.

As such, I am asking that you conduct a review of the Water Power Act final license request, including holding hearings to provide opportunity for public participation. Participant assistance funding also will be considered and direction regarding this aspect of the review will be forthcoming. Upon completion of your review, I expect a final report, outlining any recommendations the Commission may have regarding licensing under the Water Power Act for the regulation of Lake Winnipeg.

Terms of reference for this review will be provided to you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Blaikie".

Bill Blaikie
Minister of Conservation

c. Honourable Christine Melnick