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Dear Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, thank you for your letter dated March 23, 2021, in which you requested a regional assessment for a proposed Western Energy Corridor under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is currently reviewing your request and will provide advice to the Minister to inform his decision on whether or not to conduct such a regional assessment. We anticipate that the Minister's decision, with reasons, will be provided to you by June 21, 2021, at which time it will also be posted to the publicly available Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, available at:

https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/index?culture=en-CA

The Agency will ensure that the information provided by Western Energy Corridor Inc. is reflected in the advice to the Minister. Agency officials may also be in touch with you to request additional information related to your request, as required. Other jurisdictions with responsibilities in the region may be engaged to determine their interest in collaborating on such a regional assessment.

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Further questions regarding your request and its analysis can be directed to myself, by email at *Stephen.Bonnell@canada.ca* or by telephone at or to Carys Burgess, Senior Analyst – Strategic and Regional Assessments, by email at *Carys.Burgess@canada.ca* or by telephone at personal information removeds

Sincerely, <original signed by>

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