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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

Re: Potential Regional Assessment of a Western Energy Corridor (Reference 81514)

On behalf of SaskPower, I am pleased to confirm our interest in and support for the completion of a Regional Assessment for the Western Energy Corridor from Alberta to Churchill, Manitoba.

As Saskatchewan's leading energy provider, SaskPower is planning a cleaner energy future, including our goal to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by at least 50 per cent by 2030 and a target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. As such, connecting our future energy from clean sources such as wind, solar, geothermal and potentially small modular reactors (SMRs) to larger markets will offset substantial carbon usage and reduce Canada's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Identifying and approving the Western Energy Corridor will allow for more efficient, lower-cost and timely review of linear infrastructure projects that best meet Canada's long-term needs and benefits. A single, pre-approved, multi-use corridor will allow for economic development and, at the same time, is a better way to assess land and the environmental and stakeholder impacts, particularly with Canada's Indigenous groups.

Sincerely,

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