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Mr. Barry Singleton, P. Eng., Director Western Energy Corridor Inc. 1740-10th Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2T 3E8 Barry.Singleton@WesternEnergyCorridor.ca

Dear Mr. Singleton:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 2021, concerning the proposed Western Energy Corridor. I regret the delay in replying.

As Special Representative for the Prairies, I am pleased to see Canadian private-sector initiatives in the energy and renewable energy sectors.

I understand that my colleague, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, provided a response, on June 21, 2021, to Western Energy Corridor Inc.'s request for a regional assessment under the *Impact Assessment Act*. The Minister has decided not to pursue a regional assessment at this time as further discussions between the federal and provincial governments and Western Energy Corridor are required to determine whether there is potential for multiple developments to occur within such a corridor. I acknowledge the decision and I will work with the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change and Natural Resources to determine next steps.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Jim Carr

cc: The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

The Honourable Seamus Thomas Harris O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs

