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Dear Barry Singleton:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 18, 2021, regarding the next steps of the Western Energy Corridor's proposed energy passage project from Alberta to Churchill, Manitoba.

Our Government remains committed to reviewing and seeing viable, good projects built while ensuring they meet environmental, economic, social, Indigenous, and safety obligations and considerations.

One of the priorities for our Government is to get our resources to market sustainably and competitively. I am aware there has been longstanding interest in the west-to-east transport of energy sources. Resource corridors could provide a distinct opportunity to help realize this objective and bolster market diversification. While corridors carry many benefits, such as paralleling existing disturbances, strengthening regulatory certainty, and reducing operating costs, they also carry potential risks that warrant further study, public engagement, and Indigenous consultation. I appreciate the consideration you have put into this project to aid in developing sustainable and renewable energy.

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In light of the June 2021 decision not to conduct a regional assessment under the *Impact Assessment Act* on the Western Energy Corridor proposal, I invite you to contact Lindsay Noad, Director General of the Major Projects Management Office, Natural Resources Canada, via email at [lindsay.noad@nrca-nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:lindsay.noad@nrca-nrcan.gc.ca), to provide updates on the project. I also encourage you to provide information you may have on potential future projects in the area.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.  
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