

November 18, 2021
Our File: WEC-050L

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
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Re: Western Energy Corridor – Next Steps

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

First, let me congratulate you on your recent appointment as Canada's Minister of Natural Resources. I trust you are looking forward to fulfilling this new and challenging role.

To recap, the "**Western Energy Corridor**" is a multi-provincial, all-Canadian corridor that we propose would extend from east-central Alberta, across Saskatchewan, to Churchill, Manitoba. Conceptually, a primary purpose of the corridor is to allow oil and/or natural gas pipelines, or other "future" resources such as hydrogen, to reach Hudson Bay for transport to domestic and international markets. In addition, high-voltage DC power lines co-located within the corridor would enhance the availability of green hydroelectricity in western provinces, increasing renewables integration, lowering the cost of large-scale clean energy, and stabilizing the electrical grid. This all-Canadian venture will economically serve Canadian markets, build important infrastructure in Canada's northern region, reduce Central and Eastern Canada's reliance on foreign energy, and expand Canada's trade with global markets by way of the sovereign internal waters of Canada.

Since our announcement of this initiative this past February, we have received positive responses from several individuals, both federal and provincial, including The Honourable Jim Carr (see attachment). In his response, he suggests that "*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.*" With this in mind, I am writing to you to open up a dialogue in order to determine what the next steps should be in this regard.

We look forward to your suggestions regarding the advancement of this corridor initiative. We are available to meet at any time and are willing to provide further information as may be required. Thank you.

Yours very truly,
Western Energy Corridor Inc.

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Attachment: Response from The Honourable Jim Carr dated August 12, 2021

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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