



MANITOBA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

September 10, 2020

Honourable Jeff Wharton
Minister of Crown Services
314 - 450 Broadway
Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Wharton,

Since our initial letter dated August 6th, 2021, which has gone unanswered, it has come to our attention that as a result of your governments interference and cuts to Manitoba Hydro that restoration work was contracted out to the American company Valard which delayed restoration work and has resulted it in work not being expedited as quickly as possible.

In an updated assessment of the damage provided to media, Hydro claims that there are 88 poles instead of 105 poles that need replacing with 40 already complete. In the 2019 fall storm, when 4000 poles were damaged, service was restored within 15 days.

1,500 community members from Pauingassi and Little Grand Rapids have been displaced for almost two months, this needs to be treated as a critical situation. We are requesting that you expedite restoration efforts immediately so that community members can return home by Monday, September 13th, 2021.

We look forward to your immediate action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Adrien Sala
Critic for Manitoba Hydro

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Bushie'.

Ian Bushie
Critic for Indigenous Affairs

cc. Jay Grewal, CEO of Manitoba Hydro
Shane Mailey, VP of Transmission