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To: Amisk [CEAA]
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Subject: *****SPAM***** Amended - Amisk Hydro project, Peace River

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> To the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:
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>>>>> SW of 18, 83, 6, west of the 6th meridian
>>>>> 161 acres
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>>>>> Hello.
>>>>> My name is Ingrid Moynihan, (nee Holst). I own a quarter section of land on the banks of the Peace River at the above location, which I inherited from my uncle Henry Holst who homesteaded in the area. This land has been in our family for approximately 80 years and I spent my childhood raised on our farm there. I am emotionally attached to this area of Alberta even though I live in Calgary.
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>>>>> I was contacted regarding Amisk hydro dam on the Peace River and just have a few concerns and questions as I am not able to find the information, maps or drawings on the website which would indicate exactly how far the river will be dammed and how deep the river will be in the area of our farm. Will it be a permanent level or will it fluctuate? Will fluctuation cause damage by erosion? Will the dam be manned at all times? If the dam breaks what is the effect? Will it be available for recreation? If the Wildlife park is reduced in size will there be alternate parkland put in place to compensate for parkland which has been taken away? Would there be parkland around the entire dam to prohibit too much building of private lodges, and other businesses around the water?
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>>>>> I have concerns as to the withdrawal of the dam proposal by Trans Alta previously, and had occasion to speak with other farmers in the Hines Creek and Fairview area as to the stability of the high sand cliff banks of the river and if it is in fact safe and feasible to build an even bigger dam.
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>>>>> I understand that this company has done their own assessment, and am expressing concern regarding this and wonder if a neutral assessment from Government level could be done to verify the findings of this company.
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>>>>> There are already two dams on the Peace, do they work in collaboration with each other as to water levels, and in case of damage or problems with one dam - is there constant communication? Is a third dam an absolute necessity for such a small percentage of electricity being produced?
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>>>>> There is so much wildlife in our area and the river is crossed by various animals. Has this been studied enough as to how it might affect the wildlife? Has consideration been given to the unusual plants found in the area, and migration of birds? Has consideration been given to the Aboriginal society - many arrowheads have been found on the riverbanks over the years and it is well known of settlements along the river. Also some of my parents ashes are on the river banks; this to me is highly important that nothing will be disturbed.
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>>>>> Will there be damage from the huge equipment that will be needed to build this dam and roads; on the sand banks it could be very detrimental and have disastrous effects on the river.

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>>>>> There has not been much precipitation in the last few years in the area, two years ago from the time our crop was seeded until harvest there was no rain. Have they taken this into effect in their assessments?

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>>>>> Thank you for your time.

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>>>>> Ingrid Moynihan

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