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## Wowchuck continues to mislead

Dear Editor:

In her letter from June 6th, Rosann Wowchuk continues to mislead Manitobans on the Bipole III transmission project.

Bipole III is an important project for Manitoba, required to add reliability to our electricity system. That is exactly why Mrs. Wowchuk and her NDP colleagues must be voted from office, so the shorter, safer, cleaner and less costly east side route can be built for the new hydro line.

A secret report recently leaked to the opposition from Manitoba Hydro states that building the Bipole III transmission line on the west side, rather than the east side of the province will invariably lead to rate increases for Manitobans. Further reports from Manitoba Hydro have put the price of Bipole III at \$4.4 billion when the amount of clean power wasted due to the length of the line is included in the calculation. In comparison, an east side line would cost less than \$800 million.

This difference in price will cost every Manitoba family of four at least \$11,748. Desperate attempts to twist statements by Manitoba Hydro's CEO serve only to reinforce the NDP's state of desperation. She cites figures regarding the "life of the project". Using that same math, your house should be free. But it's not. And neither is a hydro line. We all have to pay for our bills, and so does Manitoba Hydro. If the NDP are allowed to pursue their costly and wasteful west side power route, Hydro will be stuck with the tab, and your family will pay the full price.

The east side route will also allow Manitobans to reap in more benefits from any export sales. Minnesota and Wisconsin are to the southeast of Manitoba. Why then take a wasteful detour to the west of Manitoba, only to come back east eventually?

if elected on oct. 4, 2011, a progressive Conservative government would save the publicly owned Manitoba Hydro from the political manipulations of the tired and desperate NDP. Manitoba Hydro belongs to you, not to the NDP elite. We would listen to the expert advice from Manitoba Hydro, and build Bipole III on the cheaper, shorter, more reliable and more environmentally friendly east side of Lake Winnipeg – to the benefit of all Manitobans.

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