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Bipole boondoggle continues

Another week, another round of rains drowning the grains and livestock sectors, another *Manitoba Co-operator* in the mail, and yet another letter from Rosann Wowchuk proclaiming the economic and environmental virtues of Bipole III.

The former minister of agriculture gives us the same story: west side is good; east side is bad. A \$2-billion cost overrun is of no concern; information leaked from within Manitoba Hydro is untrue, well maybe “the parts that I agree with are true” she exclaims.

And the conclusion to this fairy tale is a spin doctor’s Picasso — an \$11,000 cost per Manitoba resident becomes an actual credit. One suspects the truth is somewhere in between.

Even so, this web of vague cost projections of the various scenarios would be a very difficult sell even for a politician blessed with being charismatically radioactive.

And any hard-working taxpayer would have to be excused for asking why Madam Minister, if a good idea can sell itself, do you keep trying to sell, and then resell this idea of boondoggle Bipole III?

I am sure we will hear from you next week, again.

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