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Minister of the Environment (Canada)

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Secretary, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Semarnat)

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Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council members:

We have recently been informed by the Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America, that the Article 13 report on Environmental Challenges and Opportunities of the North American Electricity Market is now expected to be delivered to Council in mid-March 2002.

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) was planning to prepare an Advice to Council related to the conclusions and recommendations of this report during its upcoming regular session on 8 March in Mexico City, as indicated in our letter to you of 13 December 2001. This is no longer possible given the current schedule, absent the report being made public.

JPAC and the North American public have a very active interest in this important and urgent topic, as evidenced by the level of participation in the CEC symposium last November in San Diego, California. Mr. Peter Berle, a JPAC member, sits on the Electricity and Environment Advisory Board. JPAC is anxious to review and prepare its Advice to Council, but can not do so in advance of the Article 13 report being made public.

We would urge you, therefore, to follow the course permitted in Article 13.3—“[T]he Secretariat shall submit its report to the Council, which shall make it publicly available, normally within 60 days following its submissions, unless the Council otherwise decides”—and make this report publicly available immediately upon its submission to Council.

Sincerely,

Jon Plaut  
JPAC Chair for 2002

c.c. CEC Alternate Representatives  
CEC Executive Director  
CEC Electricity Advisory Board members  
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JPAC members