1014-05-878 Manoel Lemos (manoel@dmat.ufpe.br), Departamento de Matematica, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, Pernambuco 50740-540, Talmage J Reid (mmreid@olemiss.edu), Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677, Bryan Williams* (blwilli3@olemiss.edu), Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677, and Haidong Wu (hwu@olemiss.edu), Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677. Largest Circuit Pairs in Matroids.

Scott Smith conjectured in 1979 that two distinct longest cycles of a k-connected graph meet in at least k vertices when $k \ge 2$. This conjecture is known to be true for $k \le 10$. Reid and Wu generalized Smith's conjecture to k-connected matroids by considering largest circuits. The case k = 2 of the matroid conjecture follows from a result of Seymour. McMurray, Reid, Sheppardson, Wei, and Wu established an extension of the matroid conjecture for k = 2 and proved it for cographic matroids when $k \le 6$. We establish Reid and Wu's Conjecture for matroids of connectivity three. (Received September 26, 2005)