

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Minnedosa Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transmission  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5231.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Proposal was dated October 3, 2006 and received on October 4, 2006. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro for the construction and operation of a 4 inch steel natural gas pipeline between the existing natural gas regulator station located north of the city of Brandon (Brandon Primary Station) and the Husky Ethanol Plant in Minnedosa. An Environmental Impact Statement and Protection Plan has been submitted as part of the Proposal. The pipeline is required to provide additional natural gas for the expanded ethanol plant. The pipeline will be approximately 23 km in length and will be located on lands in the Rural Municipality of Odanah and the Town of Minnedosa. The pipeline will cross parts of Sections 6,7,18,19,30, and 31 in TWP 13 RGE 18 WPM; Parts of Sections 5,8,17,20,21,28 and 33 in TWP 14 RGE 18 WPM; Part of Section 3 TWP 15 RGE 18 WPM and Parts of Section 2 and 3 TWP 15 RGE 18 WPM. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2006 to meet an April 2007 in service date.”

The Proposal was distributed to the "Transportation" TAC for review and was advertised in the Brandon Sun on October 14, 2006 and in the Minnedosa Tribune on October 16, 2006. It was placed in the Main/Winnipeg Public Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Western Regional Library in Brandon. Copies of the Proposal were also made available for review at the R.M. of Odanah Municipal Office in Minnedosa. Comments were requested by November 14, 2006.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public responses were received.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

### **Manitoba Conservation** Comment as follows:

- Note that land described as NW 32-13-18W owned by a conservation agency will not be impacted as the pipeline will be located on the opposite side of the road allowance through this area.
- Recommend that soil exposed during the construction be revegetated with seed mixtures consisting exclusively of native grasses or legumes to maintain the native aspect of the grasslands. Recommend that areas exposed during the construction of the Development be revegetated with native species where native species dominant the vegetation cover prior to disturbance. Previously disturbed ground including road allowances shall be revegetated with the introduced species specified in Page 91 of the Proposal.

Disposition: Comments can be accommodated as conditions of the License.

### **Water Stewardship**

- No concerns provided any stream crossings and natural potholes are bored and not cut.
- Any drainage or altering of water flow would require a drainage license from the Water Stewardship Western Regional Operations Office in Brandon.

Disposition: Comments can be accommodated as conditions of the License

### **Mines Branch** No concerns

### **Historic Resources Branch** No concerns.

### **Agriculture** No response

**Health** Note that the Environmental Monitoring Plan described in the Proposal should prevent or mitigate potential impacts.

**Transportation & Government Services (MTGS)** No objection to the project, but offer the following comments for consideration.

- An underground agreement with MTGS will be required for the placement of the proposed gas line within Provincial Road right-of-way.
- Detailed design drawings should be forwarded to MTGS for review and approval.
- The proponent should contact MTGS for additional information.

Disposition: The requirement for an agreement between MTGS and the proponent and the location of the pipeline within the highway right-of-way will be forwarded to the proponent as information for direct follow up with MTGS.

**Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade** No concerns. Recommend that the proponent consult with municipal authorities concerning scheduling of construction and potential impacts on existing municipal infrastructure.

Disposition: Recommendation to consult with municipal authorities can be accommodated as a condition of the license.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)** Advise that:

- Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will not be required.
- Environment Canada concludes that with the implementation of the mitigation measures noted in the Environmental Impact Statement and Protection Plan EC concerns will be addressed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

As no concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as license conditions. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached Draft Environment Act License. It is further recommended that enforcement of the License be assigned to the Western Region.

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