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Ms. T. Braun, Director Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch Manitoba Conservation 123 Main Street, Suite 160 Winnipeg MB R3C 1A5

Dear Ms. Braun:

## **BRANDON GENERATING STATION UNIT 5 - ENVIRONMENT ACT LICENCE**

Enclosed for your review, is Manitoba Hydro's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is being submitted to address the licence review clauses in Environment Act Licence No. 1703 R for Brandon Generating Station Unit 5. Also included within the EIS is a detailed description of the public consultation program that was carried out in conjunction with the development of the EIS.

In a letter dated May 18, 2004, Manitoba Hydro notified the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch (formerly Environmental Approvals) that the Corporation planned to continue to operate Brandon Generating Station Unit 5 past 2006. The Director responded in a letter, dated June 9, 2004, providing direction regarding the scope of the licence review. Manitoba Hydro was directed to submit an updated comprehensive EIS to supersede the EIS submitted to the Department in 1992 and to implement a public consultation process in conjunction with the EIS.

We anticipate the attached document will provide Manitoba Conservation with the information required for your review. As per our discussions with Mr. Clem Moche, we will provide twelve (12) copies of the EIS for distribution. Should you require any additional information, please contact Bill Brown at 474-3690.

Yours truly,

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