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Land Use Approvals  
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Dear Ms. Dagdick:

This letter is in response to the July 5, 2012 letter from Ron Missyabit, which was enclosed in the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 letter from Elise Dagdick, which was received on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The meeting notes from the four rounds of public consultation including meetings held with First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation and Northern Affairs Communities are included in the Environmental Public Consultation Technical Report, which includes the dates and locations of engagement activities and/or meetings undertaken by Manitoba Hydro. The meeting notes also include the names of individuals involved in the public consultation process. Manitoba Hydro respectfully declines providing the names of the attendees, as several attendees were told that the attendance sheets were only to be used for recording attendance and were not intended to be published.

Please find enclosed a table that provides a summary of issues and concerns raised by the Aboriginal community for the Project during the consultation process and responses or potential mitigation measures to address concerns.

There were additional process meetings facilitated by Manitoba Hydro's Aboriginal Relations Division with Fox Lake Cree Nation, the Manitoba Metis Federation, Swan Lake First Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation and Swampy Cree Tribal Council. The notes, dates and all related correspondence from these meetings are confidential.

Manitoba Hydro continues to meet with communities to review the Draft Environmental Protection Plan for the Bipole III Transmission Project. These meetings have been occurring with northern communities first and will subsequently continue with communities in the central and southern portions of the line. The intent of these meetings is to review with communities the mitigation and monitoring plans Manitoba Hydro intends to put into place, and to discuss with communities the specific mitigation and monitoring activities that relate to the concerns raised by communities. These meetings may also include discussion of management plans for access, vegetation, and waste. These are ongoing meetings and Manitoba Hydro anticipates that these meetings will be an opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues or concerns.

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In regards to additional Traditional land and resource use information, Manitoba Hydro is anticipating a final report from Sapotaweyak Cree Nation's Traditional Knowledge Study. Manitoba Hydro intends to use the information to confirm and if required, update the draft Environmental Protection Plan.

Should you have any questions or concerns please give us a call. We anticipate filing responses to the additional questions in due course.

Regards,

***Original Signed by Shannon Johnson***

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