

Conservation and Water Stewardship

Climate Change and Environmental Protection Division Environmental Approvals Branch 123 Main Street, Suite 160, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 1A5 T 204 945-8321 F 204 945-5229 www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal

File: 5433.00

September 13, 2013

Shannon Johnson Manitoba Hydro 820 Taylor Avenue Winnipeg MB R3M 3T1

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Re: Bipole III Transmission Project – Environment Act Licence No. 3055

This is in response to your letter dated September 9, 2013 requesting approval to commence initial works on the Keewatinoow Construction Power Station that require non-frozen ground conditions, construct the security gatehouse on the Conawapa access road, and fence the two identified archaeological sites near the station in advance of fulfilling all of the pre-construction licence requirements.

Your request to undertake the above noted work as described in your letter prior to fulfilling the pre-construction licence requirements is approved given that the required work and general land permits are obtained.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Elise Dagdick of this office at (204) 619-0709.

Yours truly,

"Originally signed by"

Tracey Braun, M.Sc. Director Environmental Approvals Branch

c: Don Labossiere, Director, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Regional Directors: Pierce Roberts, Wayde Roberts, Perry Stonehouse, Rob Nedotiafko Public Registries