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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 a request from Jodine MacDuff of Manitoba Hydro concerning the disposal of backwash water from the Keewatinohk construction camp water treatment plant.

Since the development of the camp, backwash water from the water treatment plant has been discharged to the camp's wastewater treatment lagoon. With decommissioning of the camp and the lagoon underway, it was requested that approval be provided for the discharge of the settled backwash water directly to the lagoon's discharge route to the Nelson River. The maximum daily quantity of backwash water is 11,000 litres, decreasing as decommissioning proceeds over the next several months.

In consideration of the volume and quality of the backwash water, and the short duration of the proposed discharge, we concur that the environmental effects of the proposed alteration are insignificant. Approval to implement the alteration is provided pursuant to Section 14(2) of The Environment Act.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Bruce Webb of this office at Bruce.Webb@gov.mb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Braun, M.Sc. Director

 c: Jodine MacDuff, Manitoba Hydro Don Labossiere, Tim Prawdzik, Jeff Fountain, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch Public Registries