

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Transcona East 230 - 66 kV Station Project  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transmission  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5286.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Proposal was dated August 10, 2007 and received on August 13, 2007. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate the new 230–66 kV Transcona East Station located immediately adjacent and east of the Red River Floodway within the northwest and northeast quarters of Section 11, Township 11, Range 4 EPM in the R.M. of Springfield. The new station is required to ensure reliable electrical supply to east Winnipeg and the surrounding area. Power to the new station will be supplied by two existing 230 kV transmission circuits running along the floodway between Ridgeway and St. Vital Stations. The project will also involve construction of approximately 4 km of new 66 kV sub-transmission line between the new station and the existing Transcona 115-66 kV Station to the west and the reconductoring of the existing Whiteshell to Transcona Station 115 kV transmission line. Access to the new station will parallel Manitoba Hydro’s existing east-west right-of-way along the half mile west of P.R. 207. Construction is planned to begin by mid 2008 and will occur in two stages. The proposed in-service date is July 2010 for the initial stage and the spring of 2012 for the second stage.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on August 25, 2007 and in the Winnipeg (NE) Herald on August 26, 2007. Copies of the Proposal were placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, and the Millennium Public Library. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by September 25, 2007.

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

No comments were received from the public in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

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

**Historic Resources** No concerns

**Mines Branch** No concerns

**Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation** No concerns.

**Conservation (Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch)**

- Because the station will be constructed on agricultural land, there is no concern for impacts on rare or endangered species in that footprint.
- The presence of whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*) near the power line right of way and the likely occurrence of yellow stargrass (*Hypoxis hirsute*) in the area should be mitigated by the measures that Manitoba Hydro has indicated.
- The proponent should also be aware that killing or harming migratory birds and disturbance, destruction or taking of their nests or eggs is prohibited under the Migratory Birds Convention Act. The proponent is responsible for ensuring that no migratory birds will be harmed and no active nests or migratory birds will be destroyed as a result of the development. If migratory birds or their nests may be harmed by this development, the proponent must contact the Canadian Wildlife Service for further direction.
- Approval is subject to necessary Crown Land Act allocation where applicable. In respect of Crown land, no land tenure is granted by way of environmental licensing. The applicant may apply for an applicable Crown Lands Act Permit/Lease which will be subject to the standard Crown Lands and Property Agency Review Process.

Disposition: Comment regarding species of concern can be accommodated as a condition of licensing. Comments relating to migratory birds will be forwarded to Transportation as information. No development will occur on Crown Land.

**Manitoba Water Stewardship (Ecological Services Division)** No concerns

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)**

- Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will not be required.
- Health Canada offered to provide specialist advice on the project, specifically related electric and magnetic fields, if requested.
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada has specified that conditions and measures outlined in the Manitoba Operational Statement for Overhead Line Construction must be followed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing is not recommended for this project on the basis that no concerns were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:**

The comments received from the technical review of the Proposal can be accommodated as conditions of licencing or forwarded to Transportation as information. It is recommended that the station design should include provisions for the containment of insulating oil spills. It is recommended that the project be licenced pursuant to the Environment Act in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the attached draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Conservation Central Region.

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