

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPOSER:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Rockwood 230-115kV Station  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation and Transmission  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5607.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

On August 17, 2012, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship received a Proposal dated August 10, 2012 from Manitoba Hydro for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a 230-115kV transmission station on privately owned property on parts of northeast and southeast quarters of Section 7, Township 13, Range 3 EPM in the rural Municipality of Rockwood. The new station will require the construction of three new 230kV steel structure transmission lines and two new 115kV single circuit wood pole transmission lines, rebuilding of 8.6 km of 115kV circuit and upgrades to Pipeline Road from Deprez Road to the station access location.

The Proposal was distributed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on September 15, 2012 and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune on September 20, 2012. The Proposal was also placed in the Public Registries at the Millennium Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Conservation Library (Main) and the RM of Rockwood Municipal Office in Stonewall.

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

No public responses were received.

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

#### **Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Water use Licensing Section**

- How much potable water will be required and from where will the proponent get the water?

Disposition: Comments were forwarded to the proponent with a request for further information. The proponent has since informed Environmental Approvals Branch that a local provider would be contracted to source a water supply from a local community with an approved water treatment facility. Two possibilities include the towns of Stony Mountain or Stonewall which are both in close proximity to this new station's property. The tendering process would include water quality specifications which would be derived from the standard presently in use at other Power Supply facilities. The Proponent also indicated that they would not be looking for a drinking water supply for this station but rather a domestic water supply for toilet flushing, hand washing and

basic cleaning needs. The Proponent has determined based on occupancy requirements this station does not require a drinking supply.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No requests were received for a public hearing on the project. Technical issues surrounding the project are sufficiently understood. A public hearing is not recommended for the project.

**CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION:**

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right of that First Nation, Métis community or other Aboriginal community.

Since no First Nations communities are located adjacent to or near to the right-of-way of the proposed development and the current land tenure consists almost entirely of privately owned property which would preclude the possibility of traditional activities being practiced on these lands, it is concluded that Crown-Aboriginal consultation is not required for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that an Environment Act Licence be issued for the project subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached draft licence. Administration of the licence should be assigned to the Central Region, with technical assistance to be provided by Environmental Approvals Branch upon request.

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