

## MINISTER OF CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP

Legislative Building Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R3C 0V8

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Ms. Shannon Johnson Licensing & Environmental Assessment 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 regard to your letter dated August 26, 2015 to the Environmental Approvals Branch requesting an alteration to Clause 49 of the above noted Environment Act licence.

I am approving this request as a minor alteration to Environment Act Licence No. 3055, pursuant to clause 14(2)(b) of *The Environment Act*. It has been determined that, given the mitigation proposed in your letter, the potential environmental effects from the proposed changes are insignificant and can be accommodated by the existing limits, terms and conditions of Environment Act Licence No. 3055. In accordance with Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act*, I hereby grant approval to Manitoba Hydro to implement the proposed alteration as described in your letter of August 26, 2015 and with the following condition:

- Clearing widths must be limited to 12m along the subject access trail during maintenance of the development, and
- Manitoba Hydro must notify local First Nations, Aboriginal communities, and the Manitoba Metis Federation of the alteration prior to its implementation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Elise Dagdick of the Environmental Approvals Branch at <a href="mailto:elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca">elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca</a> or (204) 619-0709.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Nevakshonoff Minister

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