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Shannon Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Re: Poplar Bluff Transmission Project – Information Request

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comments received in regard to the Poplar Bluff Transmission Project Environment Act Proposal have been reviewed. No comments were received from the public. Additional information is required based on the TAC comments.

Please provide a response to the following:

Based on the statement in the Proposal: *“The largest concentration of birds was found in a large wetland complex east of PTH 305, south of road 62N. A large wetland complex at this site was supporting tundra swans, Canada geese, and other waterfowl.”*,

1. Has Manitoba Hydro considered deploying bird strike diverters along the line northwest of this site to lessen the potential impacts to waterfowl and other birds?, and
2. Has Manitoba Hydro established a minimum distance to staging wetlands where diverters are installed as a standard mitigation tactic for other recent transmission projects (e.g. Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project, Bipole III Transmission Project)?

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

“originally signed by”

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