Licence No.: 2347

Licence Issued: July 28, 1998

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT ACT (C.C.S.M. c. E125) THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 11(1) TO:

MANITOBA HYDRO; "the Licencee"

for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Development being the Rosser to Silver 230 kV Transmission Line Project connecting Manitoba Hydro's Rosser Station located north of The City of Winnipeg with Manitoba Hydro's Silver Station located south of Arborg in accordance with The Environment Act Proposal and the Environmental Impact Statement, dated July 4, 1997 and filed on November 6, 1997 and subject to the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions:

DEFINITIONS

In this Licence:

"wetlands" means those areas where the water table is at or above the land surface for a long enough period each year to make the area capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophilic vegetation, and which have soils with characteristics indicative of wet conditions.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Section of the Licence contains requirements intended to provide guidance to the Licencee in implementing practices to ensure that the environment is maintained in such a manner as to sustain a high quality of life, including social and economic development, recreation and leisure for present and future Manitobans.

- 1. The Licencee shall, during construction, ensure that any fuel storage areas established for the construction of the Development are located a minimum distance of 100 meters away from waterbodies including wetlands and ensure the storage areas comply with the requirements of *Manitoba Regulation 97/88R Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products*.
- 2. The Licencee shall ensure that all used petroleum products and other hazardous wastes generated by the machinery used in the construction and operation of the Development are collected and disposed of in accordance with Manitoba Environment and legislative requirements.
- 3. The Licencee shall, during the full term of the construction of the Development, cleanup and deposit all debris from the construction site at a Waste Disposal Ground operating under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to *Manitoba Regulation 150/91* respecting *Waste Disposal Grounds*.
- 4. The Licencee shall, during construction, adhere to the general recommendations on design, construction and maintenance of stream crossings as specified in the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources guidelines titled *Recommended Fish Protection Procedures for Stream Crossings in Manitoba, May 1996.*
- 5. The Licencee shall, prior to construction, provide a copy of this Licence to the contractor and subcontractor(s) involved in the Development.
- 6. The Licencee shall, prior to construction startup, arrange a pre-construction meeting with representatives of Manitoba Environment's Regional Office in Selkirk and the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources Office in Gimli. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure ongoing compliance with the specifications, limits, terms and conditions of this Licence during the term of construction of the Development and with respect to any specific local mitigative measures related to the Development, including, but not limited, to stream crossing requirements for fish passage.

SPECIFICATIONS, LIMITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 7. The Licencee shall submit to the Director, prior to commencement of construction activities for the Development, a *Rosser to Silver 230 kV Transmission Line Project Environmental Protection Plan*. The Plan shall describe the approach to be used by the Licencee to monitor environmental conditions both during and after construction of the 230 kV transmission line to ensure that mitigative measures are applied by the contractors and subcontractor(s) systematically and in a manner consistent with the commitments made in the *Rosser to Silver 230 kV Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement, July, 1997.*
- 8. The Licencee shall, prior to construction of the Development, consult with the Manitoba Natural Resources Central Region, with respect to on-site details and any mitigative measures identified in the *Rosser to Silver 230 kV Transmission Line Project Environmental Protection Plan*.
- 9. The Licencee shall ensure that all contractors working on the Development restrict bush clearing to the transmission line right-of-way during clearing and construction activities. If vegetative clearing is required beyond the right-of-way, the adjacent landowner is to be consulted.
- 10. The Licencee shall maintain a buffer near wetlands and waterbodies along the transmission line right-of-way of 30 meters for application of herbicides. Any herbicide application shall be carried out in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.
- 11. The Licencee shall locate any temporary marshalling yards and storage sites required for the Development a minimum distance of 100 meters from any wetland and watercourse.

REVIEW AND REVOCATION

- A. If, in the opinion of the Director, the Licencee has exceeded or is exceeding or has or is failing to meet the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this Licence, the Director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this Licence.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Director, new evidence warrants a change in the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this Licence, the Director may require the filing of a new proposal pursuant to Section 11 of The Environment Act.

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Larry Strachan, P. Eng.

Director

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