

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Manitoba Hydro
PROPOSAL NAME: St. Boniface/Pleissis Road 115-24 kV
Transformer Station
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transmission
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4376.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated September 14, 1998 and was received on September 18, 1998. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate a new 115-25 kV Transformer Station to improve the capacity and reliability of electrical supply to the St. Boniface/St. Vital customer service area. The Station will be located in the City of Winnipeg on a 25.5 acre parcel of land on the north side of Symington Yards, south of an undeveloped (Elizabeth) road allowance. A Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) Study has been undertaken by Manitoba Hydro in support of the Proposal. Station construction is scheduled to begin in May 1999. The initial stage of station development is scheduled to be in service by September, 2000.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on September 26, 1998. The Proposal was made available for public review at the public registries located at 123 main Street (Union Station), Winnipeg, the Centennial Public Library, 251 Donald Street, Winnipeg and the Manitoba Eco-Network, 70 Albert Street. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by October 26, 1998.

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:

Manitoba Natural Resources

Note that white tailed deer are present in this area throughout the year. Suggest that Hydro contact the City of Winnipeg naturalist to determine if there are any concerns regarding wildlife habitat.

Recommend that Hydro use native plant species around the site.

Disposition: Recommendations can be accommodated as a condition of licencing.

Historic Resources Branch No concerns

Mines Branch No concerns

Environment (Winnipeg Region) Recommend that the standard clauses for oil containment and the 45 dBA nighttime noise limit at a residence be included in the Licence.

Disposition: Recommendations can be included in the limits, terms and conditions of the Licence.

Urban Affairs No objections

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) Based on responses received from federal reviewing departments and agencies conclude that an application with respect to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will not be required.

Recommendation

The comments received from the technical review of the Proposal can be accommodated as conditions of licencing. It is therefore 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.