SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT:

Manitoba Hydro

PROPOSAL NAME:

Stony Mountain 115 -12 kV Station Project

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:

Transmission

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: CLIENT FILE NO.:

5076.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated December 7, 2004 and received on December 13, 2004. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate a new 115-12 kV Stony Mountain station to replace the existing Stony Mountain and the Rockwood (Bristol – Rockwood Propellant plant) stations. The new station is required to improve the electrical supply to the Stony Mountain area. The new station will be located west of Stony Mountain in NE Section 10 / Twp 13 / Rge 2E and adjacent to transmission line CP 17 which will be tapped into the station. In addition, this project includes the construction of three new 12 kV distribution feeders to connect to the electrical load in the area. The existing Stony Mountain Station, Rockwood Station and the existing 33 kV lines 15 and 33 between Parkdale Station and Stony Mountain will be dismantled and salvaged."

The Proposal was advertised in the Stonewall Argus on Monday January 3, 2005. It was placed in the Manitoba Eco-Network, the St. James – Assiniboia Public Library and the Selkirk and St. Andrews Regional Library. It was distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by January 24, 2005.

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:

Historic Resources No concerns

Mines Branch No concerns

Petroleum Branch No concerns

Transportation and Government Services Request that:

- Manitoba Hydro obtain permits from the Highway Traffic Board for placing of structures within the 76.2m (250 feet) control area adjacent to PTH 7.
- Any additional poles or pole structures affecting provincial roadways or right-of-way requires review and approval by T\$GS.

All disturbed provincial road right-of-way be restored to an acceptable manner.

Disposition: This information will be forwarded to the proponent for direct followup with MTGS.

Intergovernmental Affairs No land use or development concerns

<u>Conservation</u> (Sustainable Resource Management Branch) Recommend that the proponent inspect the construction site, road allowances prior to construction to determine if any of the bird or plant species of concern as are identified in the proposal may be impacted. Removal or destruction of the species or its habitat may be in contravention of Subsection 10(1) of The Endangered Species Act (Manitoba).

Disposition: Comment can be accommodated as a condition of licencing,

<u>Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CCEA)</u> Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will not likely be required. Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada offered to provide specialist advice on the project, if requested.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not recommended for this project on the basis that no comments or concerns were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

The comments received from the technical review of the Proposal can be accommodated as conditions of licencing. In addition, it is recommended that the station design should include provisions for the containment of insulating oil spills. It is 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.

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