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Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Transmission Project (Licence 3055) – Request for Alteration

Pursuant to the Bipole III Transmission Project *Environment Act* licence 3055, this letter serves to request approval for a route adjustment that will require private easements for four landowners regarding the Bipole III southern ground electrode route due to a minor change in the design of the towers as well as updated landowner information.

Through the detailed design stage it was determined that steel poles instead of wooden poles should be used for the southern ground electrode line for increased reliability. The result is that there will be fewer towers (approximately 99), resulting in increased span lengths (approximately 270 meters), and shorter towers (approximately 20-24 meters) when compared to the original design.

The attached map identifies two areas requiring private easements. A total of four private easements are required. All affected landowners have been notified regarding the proposed changes and are amenable to easements on their properties. Area 1 the original alignment had a short east-west segment parallel to PTH 15. This alignment conflicted with an existing buried MTS cable and Manitoba Hydro gas pipeline; one landowner is affected. Area 2 the alignment has not changed; however, Manitoba Hydro requires an easement on the drainage plan for the electrode line, as well as for swing-out on the property immediately south of the drainage plan area and on the parcel immediately west. A total of three private easements are required for Area 2.

The alteration to the project does not change the effects assessment conclusions.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification of our comments please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-360-4394.

Regards,

Original signed by Shannon Johnson

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Attachments: 1 Map