

Notice of Environmental Impact Statement

Manitoba Conservation has received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to *The Environment Act* from the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

MANITOBA HYDRO – BIPOLE III TRANSMISSION PROJECT : A MAJOR RELIABILITY INITIATIVE (FILE: 5433.00)

On December 2, 2011, Manitoba Hydro filed an EIS for the Bipole III Transmission Project: A Major Reliability Initiative (the Project).

The Project is required to ensure the reliability and security of Manitoba's transmission and power supply system. It involves: the construction of a new 500 kV high-voltage DC transmission line; two new converter stations (Keewatinoow in the north and Riel in the south); 230 kV collector transmission lines; and, two ground electrodes with connections to the converter stations.

Prior to submitting the EIS, Manitoba Hydro engaged in a detailed Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process. The SSEA included four rounds of consultation in order to obtain public input before selecting a final preferred route. The EIS was prepared in accordance with an Environmental Assessment Scoping Document which was approved by Manitoba Conservation in June 2010. Results of the SSEA, the environmental field studies and the project assessment are provided in the EIS.

Anyone likely to be affected by the described development, or who wishes to provide comment on the Bipole III Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to *The Manitoba Environment Act*, should contact Manitoba Conservation in writing. Comments must be received not later than MARCH 16, 2012. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at the Conservation Library (Union Station), 123 Main St. Main Floor, Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg; Thompson Public Library, 81 Thompson Dr. & MKO, 200-701 Thompson Dr., Thompson; The Pas Public Library, 53 Edwards Ave., The Pas; Dauphin Public Library, 504 Main St., Dauphin; Northwest Regional Library, 200-6th Ave. N., Swan River; Minitonas Library; Snow Lake and Gillam Town Offices; Western Manitoba Regional Library, 1-710 Rosser Ave., Brandon; Jake Epp Public Library, 255 Elmdale Ave., Steinbach; Portage la Prairie Public Library, 40-B Royal Rd. N., Portage la Prairie; Electronic registry: www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries or by contacting Elise Dagdick, Environment Officer at (204) 945-8173 or elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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