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Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Transmission Project (Licence 3055) – Clause 11 Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve

Manitoba Hydro engaged staff from Manitoba Parks and Natural Areas Branch regarding the Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve in accordance with Bipole III licence clause 11 on October 23, 2013. At that meeting it was discovered that there was a misunderstanding in terms of where the final preferred route (FPR) was located. The FPR for Bipole III does not encroach on any area of interest for the ecological reserve or expansion as discussed with Parks and Natural Areas Branch at the October 23 meeting. Adjustment to the route was done in 2011 to accommodate an earlier request from the Branch related to the current Ecological Reserve. The TAC comments that lead to clause 11 were based on an earlier iteration of the Bipole III route. As such, a plan specific to construction and maintenance of Bipole III in the area of the Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve would seem not to be required.

Should you have any questions or would like to provide additional clarification on the licence clause, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Original signed by Shannon Johnson

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