



# MANITOBA ORDER IN COUNCIL

Conservation and Water  
Stewardship

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RECOMMENDED BY: **Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship**

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## ORDER

The Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship is designated as the provincial regulatory agency for Manitoba portion of the 500 kV alternating current transmission line originating at Dorsey converter station northeast of Winnipeg and terminating at the Blackberry station near Duluth, Minnesota.

## AUTHORITY

The *National Energy Board Act* (Canada), R.S.C., 1985 c. N-7 states:

Provincial regulatory agency

**58.17** The lieutenant governor in council of a province may designate as the provincial regulatory agency the lieutenant governor in council of the province, a provincial minister of the Crown or any other person or a board, commission or other tribunal.

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Application of provincial laws

**58.2** The laws from time to time in force in a province in relation to lines for the transmission of electricity from a place in the province to another place in that province apply in respect of those portions of international power lines that are within that province.

## BACKGROUND

1. Manitoba Hydro is proposing to construct a 500 kV alternating current transmission line originating at Dorsey converter station northeast of Winnipeg and terminating at the Blackberry station near Duluth, Minnesota. The purpose of the project is to meet the terms of a 250 MW fifteen (15) year power sale with Minnesota Power. The line will increase transmission capacity between Manitoba and U.S. markets, enabling sales revenue and enhanced reliability of supply.
2. Under *The Environment Act*, C.C.S.M. c. E126, the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship is the provincial decision maker for Class 3 developments. Transmission Lines

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of greater than 230kV, and associated facilities, are Class 3 developments under the Classes of Development Regulation, M.R.166/88.

3. It is desirable that the Provincial environmental assessment, review and licensing processes apply to the project.