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Client File No. 5433.00

Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
Director
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Transmission Project (Licence 3055) – Towers Exceeding ROW

This letter serves to request approval to widen select easements taken for the Bipole III Transmission Project right-of-way in transmission line segments with guyed towers (N1 to N4 and C1 & C2) where required for future construction and maintenance. This request will not affect any lands in transmission line segments S1 and S2 as no guyed structures are planned to be used in these segments.

A proposed easement adjustment of up to a total 80 metre ROW width is required on an as needed basis for guyed towers to account for anchor projections below grade beyond the originally established 66 metre ROW. The actual additional ROW width required will be dependent on structure height, variation in topography, and tower specific anchor conditions. It is anticipated 14% of the 3,000 towers for the entire line may have anchors exceeding the 66 metre ROW below the surface. Additional ROW width required beyond the 66 metres could range from 4 metres to 14 metres and is only required in select areas as illustrated in the attached schematic.

Selective clearing will be required for anchors falling outside of the 66 metre ROW to accommodate installation and maintenance of the anchors.

On Crown lands, it is estimated approximately 350-360 towers may have anchors exceeding the 66 metre ROW. Manitoba Hydro proposes to amend the easement based on as-built surveys. Manitoba Hydro's Property Department will contact Lands Branch.

On private lands, it is estimated 47 towers may have anchors exceeding the 66 metre ROW. Manitoba Hydro will amend the offer and easements being secured in all anticipated locations to an 80 metre ROW to mitigate uncertainty for affected land owners.

As the potential widening involves a maximum of 2-7 additional metres on either side of the existing final preferred ROW, it is not anticipated any new environmentally sensitive sites

(ESS) will be created. However, if a new ESS is determined, appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented. The proposed changes will not affect the environmental assessment predictions or 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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