ROUND 1 OPEN HOUSE

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Open House Report

Round One Public Involvement Program for the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project

Location: Gillam Recreation Centre (Blue Room)
Date & time: August 2, 2012 (4:30 – 7:30 PM)

Advertising and Public Notices

- Advertisements were placed in the Nickel Belt News published on July 20, 2012 and July 27, 2012 (Attachment A).
- Notices (11 x 17 posters) were posted at several locations in Gillam, including the Recreation Centre, Town Hall, Shopping Centre, and Co-op (Attachment A).
- Notice posters were also forwarded to the Fox Lake Cree Nation.

Open House Materials

- 13 storyboards were placed on easels at the Recreation Centre. The storyboards included descriptions of the proposed project infrastructure; a map showing the project study area, 2 alternative routes for the Construction Power (CP) lines and the 4 alternative routes for the Generation Outlet Transmission (GOT) lines; and information on the site selection and environmental assessment process. (Attachment A).
- A newsletter was available for attendees to take with them. The newsletter contained a map and description of the proposed project infrastructure (Attachment A).
- 4 large maps showing the project study area and route options for the CP and GOT lines were placed on tables so that attendees could see the alternative routes more easily.
- Comment forms were available for attendees to record their comments on the route options and environmental assessment process. (Attachment A)
- ROW Tree Clearing Brochure
- Trappers Compensation Brochure
- Representatives from Manitoba Hydro and its environmental consultants were available to answer questions from attendees.

Questions and Comments from Attendees on Alternative Routes

Questions and comments were received from the attendees both through conversations with Manitoba Hydro representatives and the environmental consultants and through comment forms. A summary of comments and questions related to the alternative route options is provided below:

- Participants generally noted that constructing the GOT line along the existing KN-36 transmission line and the CP line (Option D) or along the proposed south access road (Options B or C) are the most practical alternatives since the land has already been cleared or will be cleared for the south access road or the CP line.

- Some participants noted all of the route options would cause disruptions to the land, natural habitat and wildlife. It was also felt that habitat disturbances would cause animals to relocate to undisturbed areas.

- Some participants noted GOT line Option A appears to require the most additional clearing. It was indicated this should be a reason to avoid using this route option.

Other Questions and Comments

- How many towers would be required and what would the towers look like?

- How wide would the right-of-way be?

- How many, and what types of jobs would be available related to the Project?

- Interest was expressed in how First Nations were being involved in the site selection and environmental assessment process.

- Some participants noted the area is already heavily disturbed by existing hydro development (dams and transmission lines).

ATTACHMENT A

OPEN HOUSE MATERIALS

Public Open House

Keeyask Transmission Project: Round One – Proposed Alternative Routes

Manitoba Hydro is proposing to develop the Keeyask Transmission Project which includes four 138kV transmission lines for construction and operation of the Keeyask Generating Station. These lines will connect the Keeyask Generating Station to the Radisson Converter Station outside of the Town of Gillam.

Round One of the Public Engagement Program has been planned to inform interested Manitobans about the Keeyask Transmisson Project. Round One will offer an opportunity for the public to comment on the alternative routes being proposed for the Project.

For more information about the Public Engagement Program please contact David Block at 1-204-360-7353 or email dblock@hydro.mb.ca

Location:
Gillam, Manitoba

Venue:
Gillam Recreation Centre
Blue Room 2nd floor

Date:
Thursday, August 2, 2012

Time:
4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

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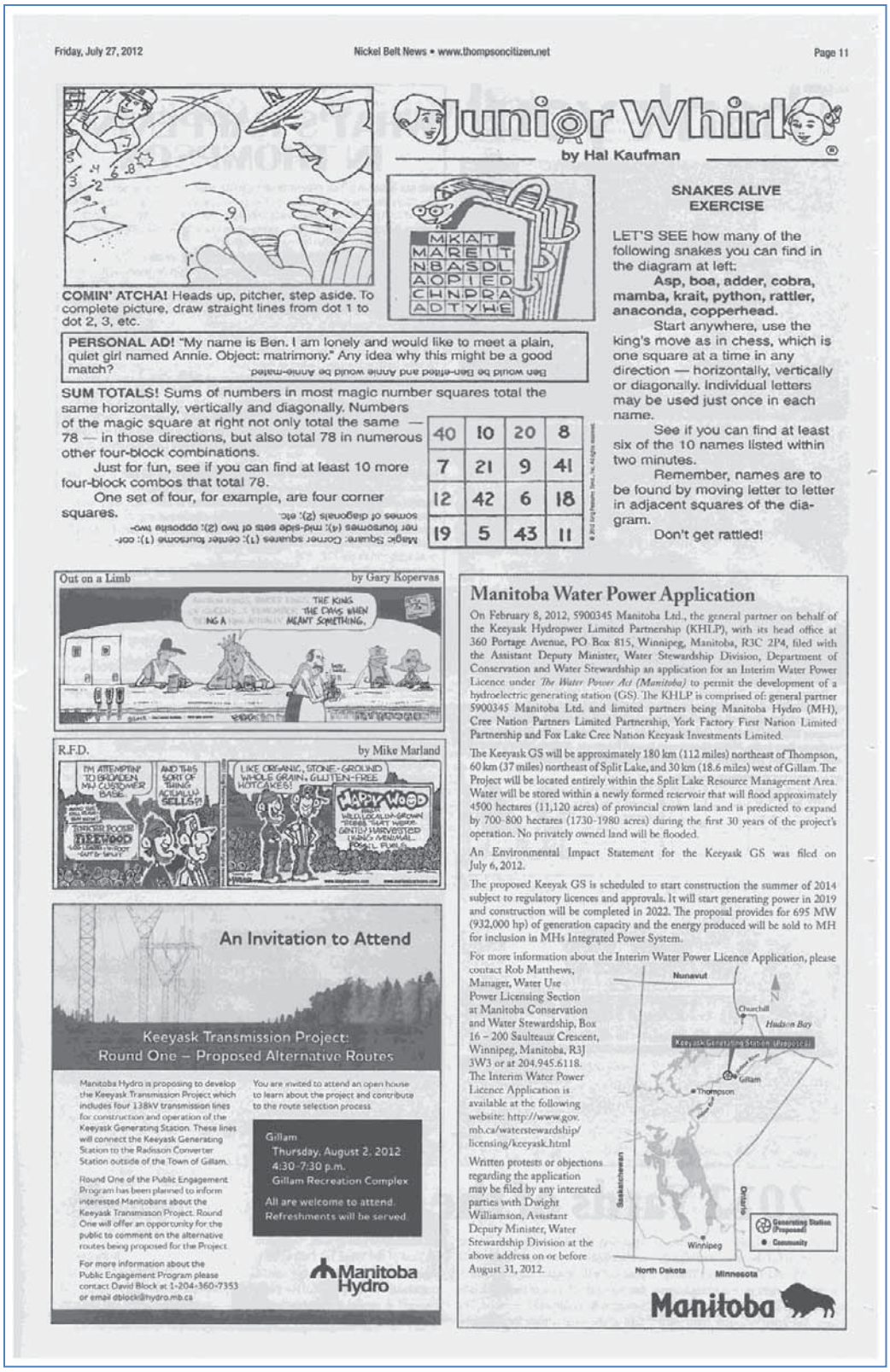

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufmann

COMIN' ATCHA! Heads up, pitcher, step aside. To complete picture, draw straight lines from dot 1 to dot 2, 3, etc.

SNAKES ALIVE EXERCISE

LET'S SEE how many of the following snakes you can find in the diagram at left:

Asp, boa, adder, cobra, mamba, krait, python, rattler, anaconda, copperhead.

Start anywhere, use the king's move as in chess, which is one square at a time in any direction — horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Individual letters may be used just once in each name.

See if you can find at least six of the 10 names listed within two minutes.

Remember, names are to be found by moving letter to letter in adjacent squares of the diagram.

Don't get rattled!

PERSONAL AD! "My name is Ben. I am lonely and would like to meet a plain, quiet girl named Annie. Object: matrimony." Any idea why this might be a good match?

Ben would be Ben-efited and Annie would be Annie-mated.

SUM TOTALS! Sums of numbers in most magic number squares total the same horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Numbers of the magic square at right not only total the same — 78 — in those directions, but also total 78 in numerous other four-block combinations.

Just for fun, see if you can find at least 10 more four-block combos that total 78.

One set of four, for example, are four corner squares.

40	10	20	8
7	21	9	41
12	42	6	18
19	5	43	11

Magic Square: Corner squares (1): center foursome (1): corner foursome (4): mid-side sets of two (2): opposite two-somes of diagonals (2): etc.

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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

Manitoba Water Power Application

On February 8, 2012, 5900345 Manitoba Ltd., the general partner on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLP), with its head office at 360 Portage Avenue, PO Box 815, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2P4, filed with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship Division, Department of Conservation and Water Stewardship an application for an Interim Water Power Licence under *The Water Power Act (Manitoba)* to permit the development of a hydroelectric generating station (GS). The KHLP is comprised of: general partner 5900345 Manitoba Ltd. and limited partners being Manitoba Hydro (MH), Cree Nation Partners Limited Partnership, York Factory First Nation Limited Partnership and Fox Lake Cree Nation Keeyask Investments Limited.

The Keeyask GS will be approximately 180 km (112 miles) northeast of Thompson, 60 km (37 miles) northeast of Split Lake, and 30 km (18.6 miles) west of Gillam. The Project will be located entirely within the Split Lake Resource Management Area. Water will be stored within a newly formed reservoir that will flood approximately 4500 hectares (11,120 acres) of provincial crown land and is predicted to expand by 700-800 hectares (1730-1980 acres) during the first 30 years of the project's operation. No privately owned land will be flooded.

An Environmental Impact Statement for the Keeyask GS was filed on July 6, 2012.

The proposed Keeyak GS is scheduled to start construction the summer of 2014 subject to regulatory licences and approvals. It will start generating power in 2019 and construction will be completed in 2022. The proposal provides for 695 MW (932,000 hp) of generation capacity and the energy produced will be sold to MH for inclusion in MHs Integrated Power System.

For more information about the Interim Water Power Licence Application, please contact Rob Matthews, Manager, Water Use Power Licensing Section at Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Box 16 – 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3 or at 204.945.6118. The Interim Water Power Licence Application is available at the following website: http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/licensing/keeyask.html

Written protests or objections regarding the application may be filed by any interested parties with Dwight Williamson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship Division at the above address on or before August 31, 2012.

Project Timeline

Round 1

- Introduction to the Project
- Describe the proposed Project and SSEA process
- Present alternate route options and identify issues and concerns
- Review input on all the proposed routes to assist in the determination of the Preferred Route
- Document what was heard

We are here

Round 2

- Presentation of Preferred Route
- Identify issues and concerns and discuss possible mitigation measures
- Document what was heard

Next Steps

- Submission of Environmental Assessment Report to Regulators
- Receipt of licence
- Construction
- In-service date

We Want To Hear From You

You are invited to share your views and provide local knowledge to help determine a transmission line which will minimize impact to people and their environment.

We would like to hear from you. There are a number of ways you can participate in the review of this project and provide your input:

- Community Open Houses
- Comment sheets available at Open Houses
- Or contact us directly

Questions

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Keeyask Transmission Project

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Keeyask Transmission Project

Overview

Manitoba Hydro is proposing to develop the Keeyask Transmission Project which includes transmission lines for construction and operation of the Keeyask Generating Station. These lines will connect the Keeyask Generating Station to the Radisson Converter Station outside of the Town of Gillam.

The Construction Power component consists of one 138 kV AC line that taps off the existing Kelsey to Radisson (KN36) transmission line and one backup 138 kV AC line from Radisson Converter Station, both lines terminate at a new construction power station located north of the Keeyask Generating Station.

The Generation Outlet component consists of four 138 kV AC unit lines from the Keeyask Generating Station to a new switching station, from this new switching station three 138 kV AC lines connect to the Radisson Converter Station, one of which was the backup construction power line.

Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA)

The SSEA process involves selecting a transmission line route based on technical, ecological, social, and economic factors through a site selection process. An environmental assessment for the project will be conducted, and will involve:

- documenting the existing environment,
- identifying potential effects on the environment and people, as well as
- developing mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential effects.

The environmental assessment, including the public engagement program, will be documented in an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR).

The SSEA process will assist Manitoba Hydro in determining a route with minimal impact on people and the environment

Project Facts

- Two – 138 kV AC Construction Power Transmission Lines (One Permanent and One Temporary)
- One – Construction Power Station
- Four – 138 kV AC Unit Transmission Lines from Keeyask GS to Switching Station.
- One – Switching Station
- Three – 138 kV AC Generation Outlet Transmission Lines that connect the Switching Station to Radisson Converter Station.
- Environmental Assessment Report scheduled to be submitted October 2012
- Construction Winter 2013 to Summer 2019
- In Service Dates
  - Construction Power – Spring 2015
  - Generation Outlet – Fall 2019

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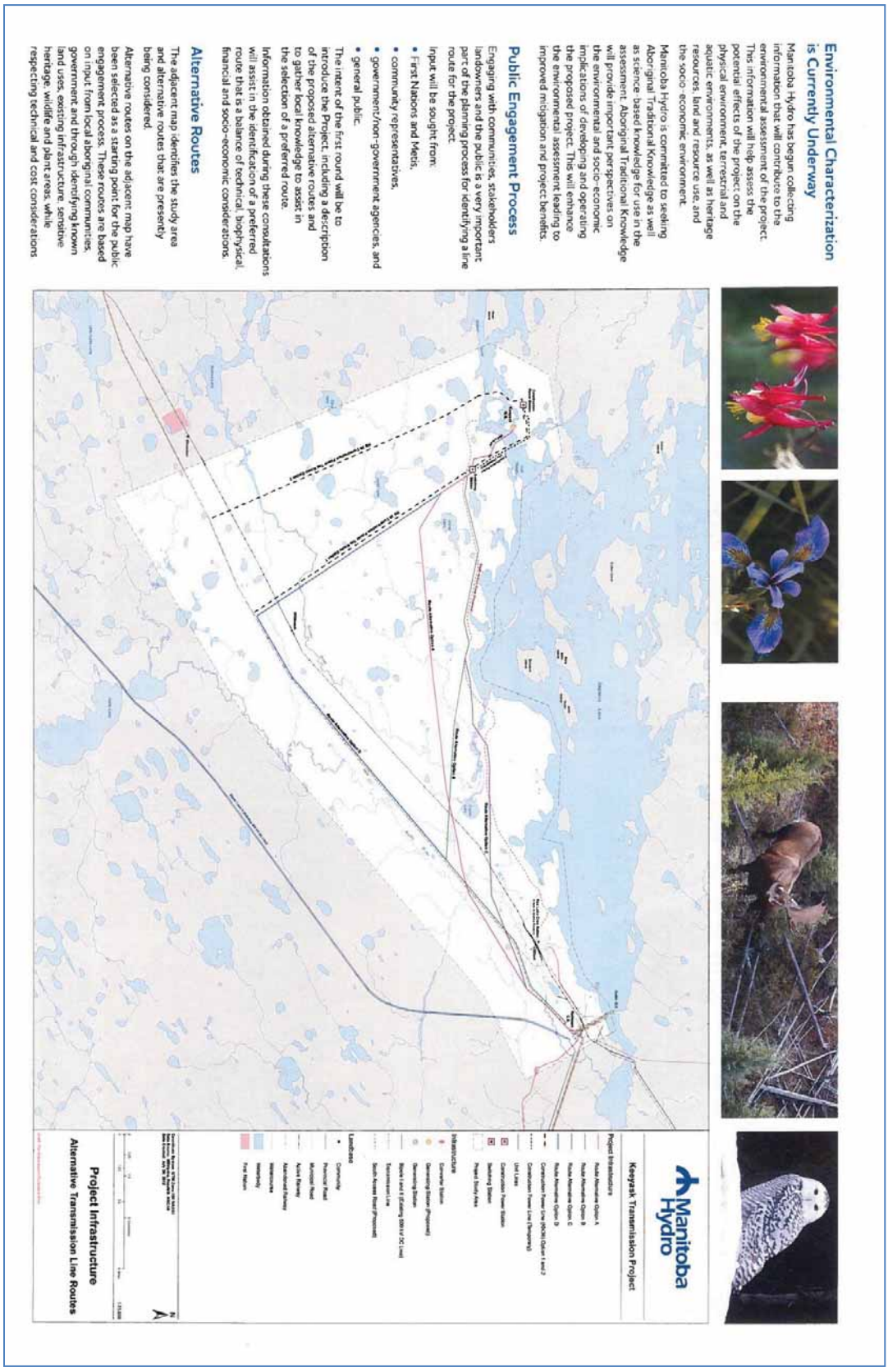

Environmental Characterization is Currently Underway

Manitoba Hydro has begun collecting information that will contribute to the environmental assessment of the project. This information will help assess the potential effects of the project on the physical environment, terrestrial and aquatic environments, as well as heritage resources, land and resource use, and the socio-economic environment.

Manitoba Hydro is committed to seeking Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge as well as science-based knowledge for use in the assessment. Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge will provide important perspectives on the environmental and socio-economic implications of developing and operating the proposed project. This will enhance the environmental assessment leading to improved mitigation and project benefits.

Public Engagement Process

Engaging with communities, stakeholders landowners and the public is a very important part of the planning process for identifying a line route for the project.

Input will be sought from:

- First Nations and Metis,
- community representatives,
- government/non-government agencies, and
- general public.

The intent of the first round will be to introduce the Project, including a description of the proposed alternative routes and to gather local knowledge to assist in the selection of a preferred route.

Information obtained during these consultations will assist in the identification of a preferred route that is a balance of technical, biophysical, financial and socio-economic considerations.

Alternative Routes

The adjacent map identifies the study area and alternative routes that are presently being considered.

Alternative routes on the adjacent map have been selected as a starting point for the public engagement process. These routes are based on input from local aboriginal communities, government and through identifying known land uses, existing infrastructure, sensitive heritage, wildlife and plant areas, while respecting technical and cost considerations.

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Keeyask Transmission Project

Project Infrastructure

Infrastructure

Landbase

Community

Provincial Road

Municipal Road

Access Roadway

Abandoned Roadway

Waterbody

Waterway

Final Water

Project Infrastructure

Alternative Transmission Line Routes

Comment Form

Round One Public Involvement Program for the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project

Please take this opportunity to fill-out this brief questionnaire based on the information provided at this event and speaking with the Study Team regarding the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project. Please leave the completed comment form with one of the project representatives.

1. Overall, was this information session helpful in providing you with a general understanding of the project and route alternatives being considered?
____ Yes ____ No

If no, what additional information would be helpful?

2. After reviewing the information boards and speaking with Study Team members, what concerns/issues do you have about the proposed Project (please describe)?

3. Do you have any suggestions on how your comments or concerns could be addressed?

4. Manitoba Hydro has identified several alternative routes for the proposed Generation Outlet Transmission lines. Do you feel that these are practical routes to consider? If so, why? If not, why not?

5. Do you believe there are any potential impacts associated with any of these alternative routes?

Route A:

Route B:

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Route C:

Route D:

6. Local knowledge can help to minimize potential project impacts. Are there any potential project impacts, other than those identified at this Open House that should be investigated?

7. Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the Public Involvement Program?

8. Additional comments

Optional information

Name

Address

Email Address

Telephone

Thank you for taking the time to complete the comment form. Your interest and participation are very important to the Environmental Assessment process.

For further information about the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project, please contact **David Block** at (204) 360-7353 or email: dblock@hydro.mb.ca

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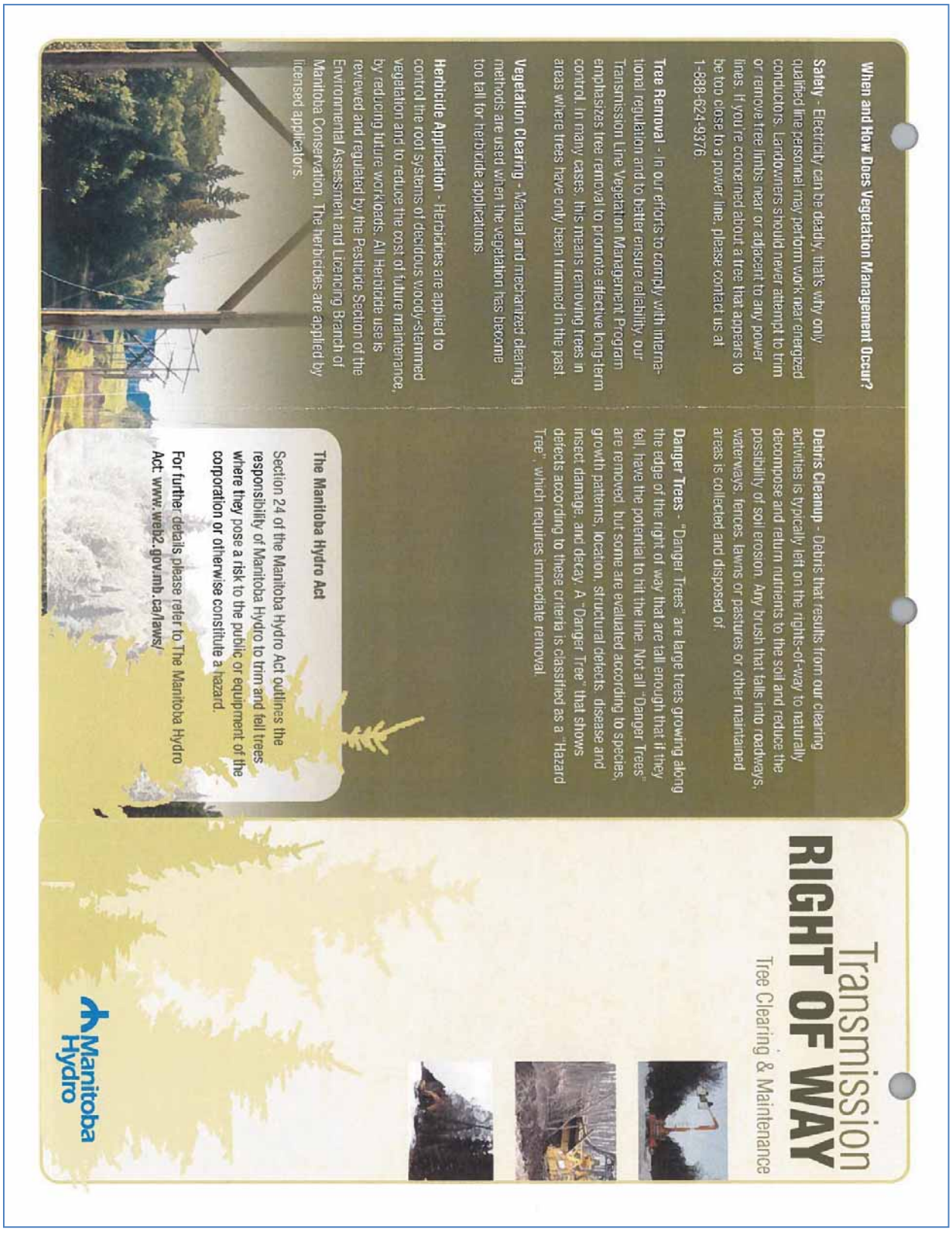

Transmission
RIGHT OF WAY
Tree Clearing & Maintenance

When and How Does Vegetation Management Occur?

Safety - Electricity can be deadly, that's why only qualified line personnel may perform work near energized conductors. Landowners should never attempt to trim or remove tree limbs near or adjacent to any power lines. If you're concerned about a tree that appears to be too close to a power line, please contact us at 1-888-624-9376.

Tree Removal - In our efforts to comply with international regulation and to better ensure reliability, our Transmission Line Vegetation Management Program emphasizes tree removal to promote effective long-term control. In many cases, this means removing trees in areas where trees have only been trimmed in the past.

Vegetation Clearing - Manual and mechanized clearing methods are used when the vegetation has become too tall for herbicide applications.

Herbicide Application - Herbicides are applied to control the root systems of deciduous woody-stemmed vegetation and to reduce the cost of future maintenance, by reducing future workloads. All Herbicide use is reviewed and regulated by the Pesticide Section of the Environmental Assessment and Licencing Branch of Manitoba Conservation. The herbicides are applied by licensed applicators.

Debris Cleanup - Debris that results from our clearing activities is typically left on the rights-of-way to naturally decompose and return nutrients to the soil and reduce the possibility of soil erosion. Any brush that falls into roadways, waterways, fences, lawns or pastures or other maintained areas is collected and disposed of.

Danger Trees - "Danger Trees" are large trees growing along the edge of the right of way that are tall enough that if they fell, have the potential to hit the line. Not all "Danger Trees" are removed, but some are evaluated according to species, growth patterns, location, structural defects, disease and insect damage, and decay. A "Danger Tree" that shows defects according to these criteria is classified as a "Hazard Tree", which requires immediate removal.

The Manitoba Hydro Act

Section 24 of the Manitoba Hydro Act outlines the responsibility of Manitoba Hydro to trim and fell trees where they pose a risk to the public or equipment of the corporation or otherwise constitute a hazard.

For further details please refer to The Manitoba Hydro Act: www.web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/

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Sometime soon, vegetation growing around the transmission powerline near your property will be receiving maintenance. This brochure addresses questions you may have about the work being done near your home.

Why manage vegetation?

North America demands a safe, reliable electric grid, and Manitoba Hydro's transmission lines are a significant contributor to this continental system. In Manitoba, almost 12,000 kilometers of transmission circuits help move electricity from hydro generating stations in northern Manitoba and on the Winnipeg River to customers in Manitoba and beyond.

Recognizing the need to safeguard the reliability of our transmission delivery system, and your electric service, our vegetation management program addresses the need to manage the growth of trees around our transmission facilities, while respecting the natural environment that surrounds them.

When vegetation comes in contact with or grows close enough to the conductors (wires) there is risk of electrical arcing or flashover. This can cause wide-spread power outages and/or fires. Vegetation control ensures the safety of the public, of private property, as well as reliable electrical service. Vegetation control is also necessary to maintain access to the right-of-way for both emergency and routine maintenance of the lines.

Federal Requirements

In August 2003, a major power outage struck southeastern Canada and northeastern United States. Investigators have determined that a tree that had come in contact with a transmission line was the root cause of the blackout.

As a result of that event, international standards, with substantial penalties for non-compliance, were created governing vegetation management practices for lines that are considered part of the international transmission grid. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), with input from industry and other stakeholders, under the direction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), developed standard, FAC-003. The standard mandates, among other requirements, a robust vegetation management program that ensures that the minimum clearance distance between transmission lines and the nearest vegetation are not violated.

To conform to this standard and better ensure the reliability of the transmission system, Manitoba Hydro's policy is to encourage compatible, low-growing species to remain. Although there is no guarantee, we do attempt to work with landowners to determine if trees and other vegetation deemed compatible with the safe operation of the line may remain.

Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)

At Manitoba Hydro, Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) involves a written management plan that utilizes best management practices endorsed by the North American Transmission Forum. Prior to vegetation management, rights of way are patrolled and management methods are selected. Methods are determined according to safety, health, environmental sensitivities, efficiency and cost. Methods of control include chainsaws, brush saws, mechanical mowing/mulching, herbicide applications, and land-use conversion. Herbicide applications are intended to selectively remove tall growing tree species, allowing low growing species to thrive. This early successional habitat has been proven as beneficial to wildlife. If you are the type who spends time tending your lawn or garden, you know controlling weeds is a tough job. Imagine the problems Manitoba Hydro has with the brush and invasive weeds along our thousands of kilometers of transmission powerlines. Selectively controlling trees along powerlines and other rights-of-way helps keep the power on. It ensures safe and easy access for service and maintenance needs, and also preserves and even enhances the natural surroundings - including wildlife habitat - for all to enjoy.

Trimming and cutting while important in maintaining powerline rights-of-way often trade one problem for another. Cutting only removes plant tops (stems, branches and leaves) - the root systems remain intact. This promotes rapid resprouting and spreading of some species. Later, where one tree had grown, several more grow back. Herbicides, on the other hand, control the entire plant (including the roots). This eliminates the need for frequent mechanical treatments, like tree trimming and mowing. Herbicide applications mean less erosion, soil compaction and ruts caused by heavy machinery. In a 50-year ongoing study, Purdue University and Pennsylvania State University researchers have studied differences between selective herbicide use and mechanical methods on powerline rights-of-way. Results show that the selective use of herbicides enhance wildlife habitat by promoting grasses, forbes, low-growing shrubs and other ground cover that birds, moose, deer, small animals, bees and butterflies prefer.

If you have a question or concern about our transmission right of way vegetation management program, please contact us at **1-888-624-9376**.


Our Environmental Management Policy
Manitoba Hydro is committed to protecting the environment. In full recognition of the fact that corporate facilities and activities affect the environment, Manitoba Hydro integrates environmentally responsible practices into its business. This includes considering the interests and utilizing the knowledge of our customers, employees, communities, and stakeholders who may be affected by our actions.
For more information:
For more information regarding Manitoba Hydro's Trappers notification and compensation programs for new transmission development, please contact:
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Trappers Notification/ Compensation Policy
for New Transmission Development
At Manitoba Hydro, our job is to provide a steady and reliable supply of energy for the people of this province. At times, this responsibility requires us to design and build new facilities, such as transmission lines, to meet Manitoba's energy needs. With almost two-thirds of the province divided into registered trap lines it is almost certain that a trap line will be traversed when these new developments occur.
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Manitoba Hydro recognizes that resource users, such as trappers, rely on wildlife for commercial and personal use and we are committed to considering the interests of all those who may be affected by our actions. We want to work with trappers at every stage of development to obtain information that will assist in assessing locations for future development and reducing project related effects. And, we want to ensure those trappers impacted by our developments are compensated. With these aims in mind, Manitoba Hydro developed two trapper related programs, the Notification Program and the Compensation Program.


The Notification Program
The trappers notification program was developed to allow for input from local trappers during development stages of new major transmission projects.
Initial and Intermediate Notification
Manitoba Hydro will ensure that well in advance of any activity, the users of any registered trap lines in the vicinity are made aware of the proposed development. When a preferred route or location has been selected, there will be two notifications that provide an opportunity to:
• Review project plans
• Record additional trapper information
• Discuss any trapper related employment or business opportunity
• Explain the timing of the project activities on their trap line
• Discuss and finalize any settlement agreement.
Pre-construction Notification
Prior to construction activities, a fair and reasonable amount of compensation will be determined with eligible holders of registered trap lines. If acceptable to both parties, monetary settlements for the disturbance period will be offered to eligible trappers and a release agreement signed.
In addition, trappers will be:
• Updated on project schedules
• Advised to remove trapping equipment as required
Participation
Manitoba Hydro may also ask for the assistance of trappers in gathering trapping related information for new transmission projects. That assistance may include the documentation of specific data and traditional knowledge regarding the trap lines in the vicinity of proposed development sites.
The Compensation Program
The trappers compensation program is intended to provide compensation to holders of registered trap lines whose lines are affected by the construction of transmission facilities that are 115 kilovolts or greater.
That compensation may include:
• Trap line improvements
• Employment opportunities
• Equipment replacement
• Monetary settlement
Trappers may be compensated for any damage during construction activities to equipment, buildings, and trails used for trapping.
Monetary settlement
In situations where there may be a reduction of trapping income due to activities related to transmission construction, Manitoba Hydro may provide settlement packages for the construction disturbance period only.
Settlement Agreement
Once an understanding on compensation is reached, including the basis for determining compensation amounts, holders of affected registered trap lines will be asked to sign a release agreement.

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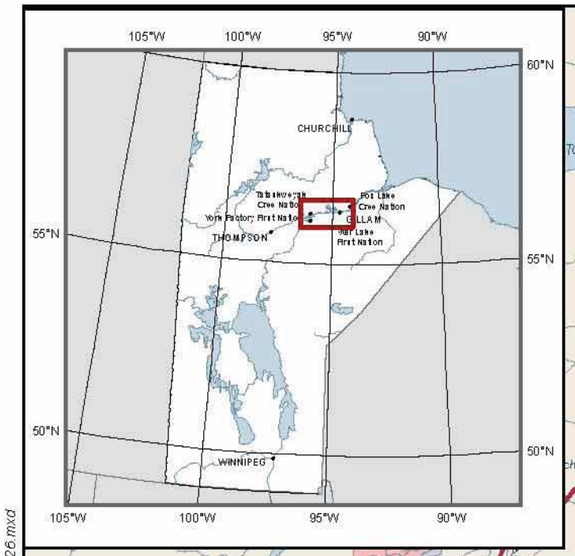

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Projection: UTM NAD83, Zone 15N
Data Source: Manitoba Hydro, Prov. of MB and Stantec

LEGEND

- Potential G.S.
- Existing G.S.
- Converter Station
- Proposed Access Roads
- Roads
- Rail
- Transmission Line
- First Nation Reserve
- Gillam Local Government District
- RMA Boundary
- War Lake Traditional Area
- Transmission Power Study Area

Keeyask Transmission Project Study Area

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Keeyask Transmission Project

Project Infrastructure

- Route Alternative Option A
- Route Alternative Option B
- Route Alternative Option C
- Route Alternative Option D
- Construction Power Line (KN36) Option 1 and 2
- Construction Power Line (Temporary)
- Unit Lines
- Construction Power Station
- Switching Station
- Project Study Area

Infrastructure

- Converter Station
- Generating Station (Proposed)
- Generating Station
- Bipole I and II (Existing 500 kV DC Line)
- Transmission Line
- South Access Road (Proposed)

Landbase

- Community
- Provincial Road
- Municipal Road
- Active Railway
- Abandoned Railway
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation

Coordinate System: UTM Zone 15N NAD83
Data Source: MBHydro, ProvMB, NRCAN
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Project Infrastructure

Alternative Transmission Line Routes

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Kaiser Island
Callan Island
Stephens Lake
Mary Miller Island
John Taylor Island
Stratford Island
Kettle G.S.
Radisson C.S.
Fox Lake Cree Nation
A Kwis Ki Mahka Reserve
Gillam
Construction Power Station
Keeyask G.S.
Switching Station
Gull Rapids
Howe Island
Nelson River
Route Alternative Option C
Route Alternative Option B
Route Alternative Option A
Cache Lake
Gillrat Lake
Joslin Lake
KN 36 Construction Power Tap Route Option 1
KN 36 Construction Power Tap Route Option 2
Ethel lake
Butnau River
Willbeach
KN36
Bipole I and II (Existing 500 kV DC Line)
Kettle River
Butnau Lake
Wivenhoe
Kettle Lake
Little Kettle Lake

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Keeyask Transmission Project

Public Open House

WELCOME

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Purpose of the Open House

To provide:

- Information on the project
- Information on the environmental assessment process
- An opportunity to discuss comments and concerns
- A venue to receive your input on alternative routes being considered

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Manitoba Hydro Goals

- Keep the public informed of Manitoba Hydro activities in the region
- Provide timely and informative responses to questions and concerns
- Be open and transparent throughout the approval process
- Ensure local resident concerns are identified and considered throughout the process

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Need and Purpose of the Project

Manitoba Hydro requires new transmission infrastructure and modifications to existing transmission infrastructure for the construction and operation of the Keeyask Generating Station

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Project Description

Two - 138 kV Construction Power Transmission Lines (One Permanent and One Temporary)

One - Construction Power Station

Four - 138 kV AC Collector Transmission Lines from Keeyask GS to Switching Station

One - Switching Station

Three - 138 kV Generation Outlet Transmission Lines that connect the Switching Station to Radisson Converter Station.

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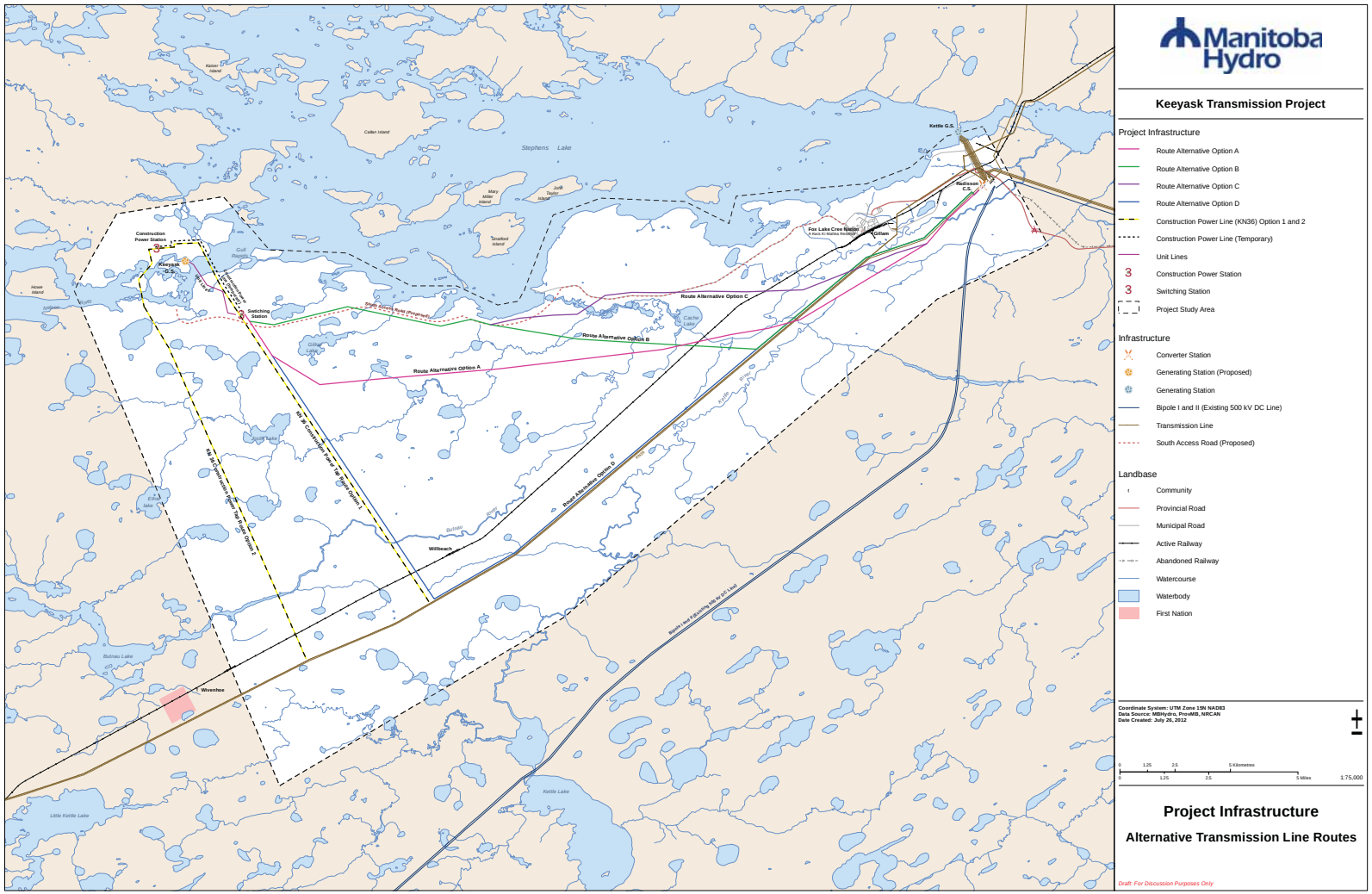
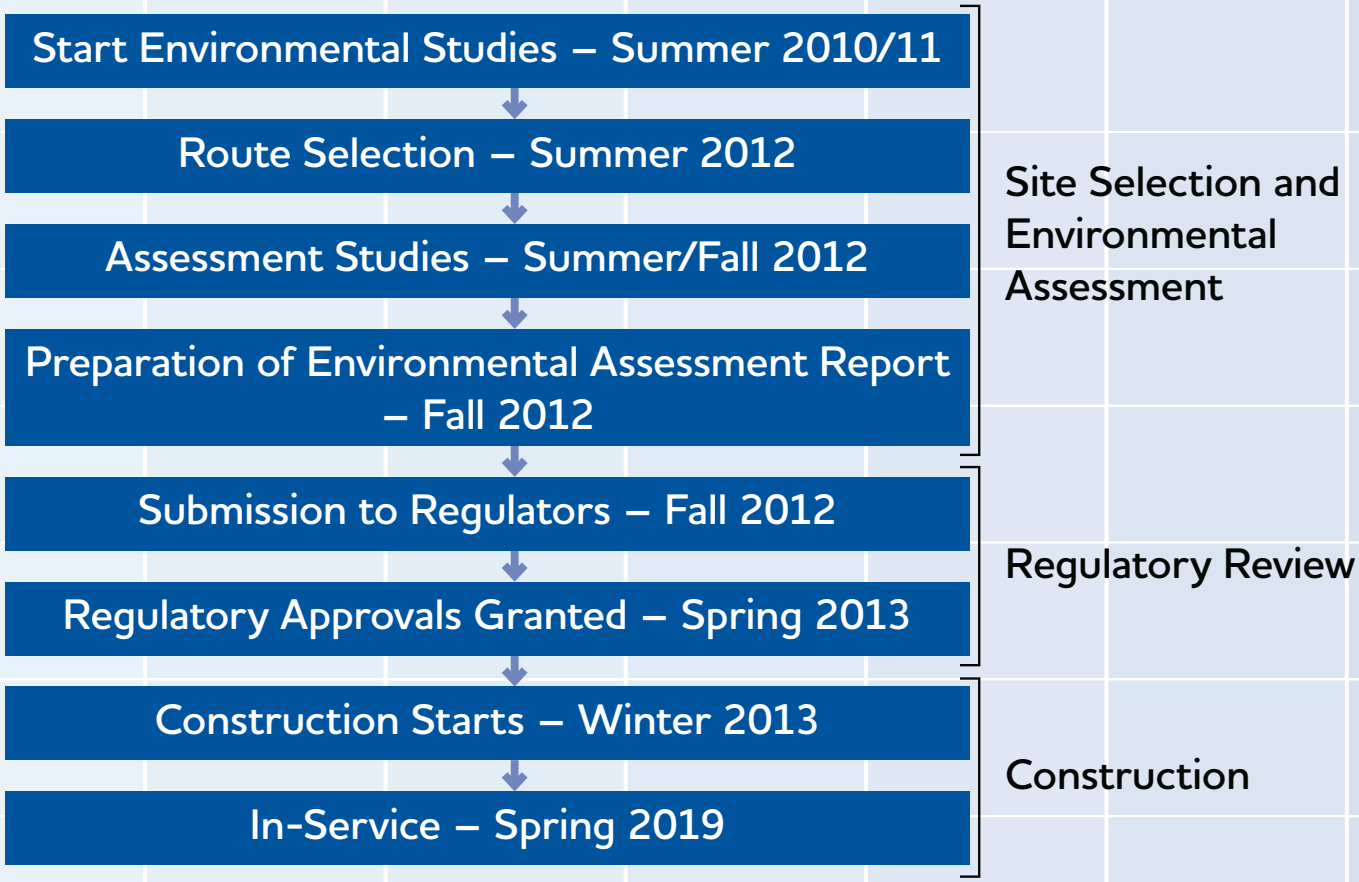
Alternative Transmission Routes



Project Schedule



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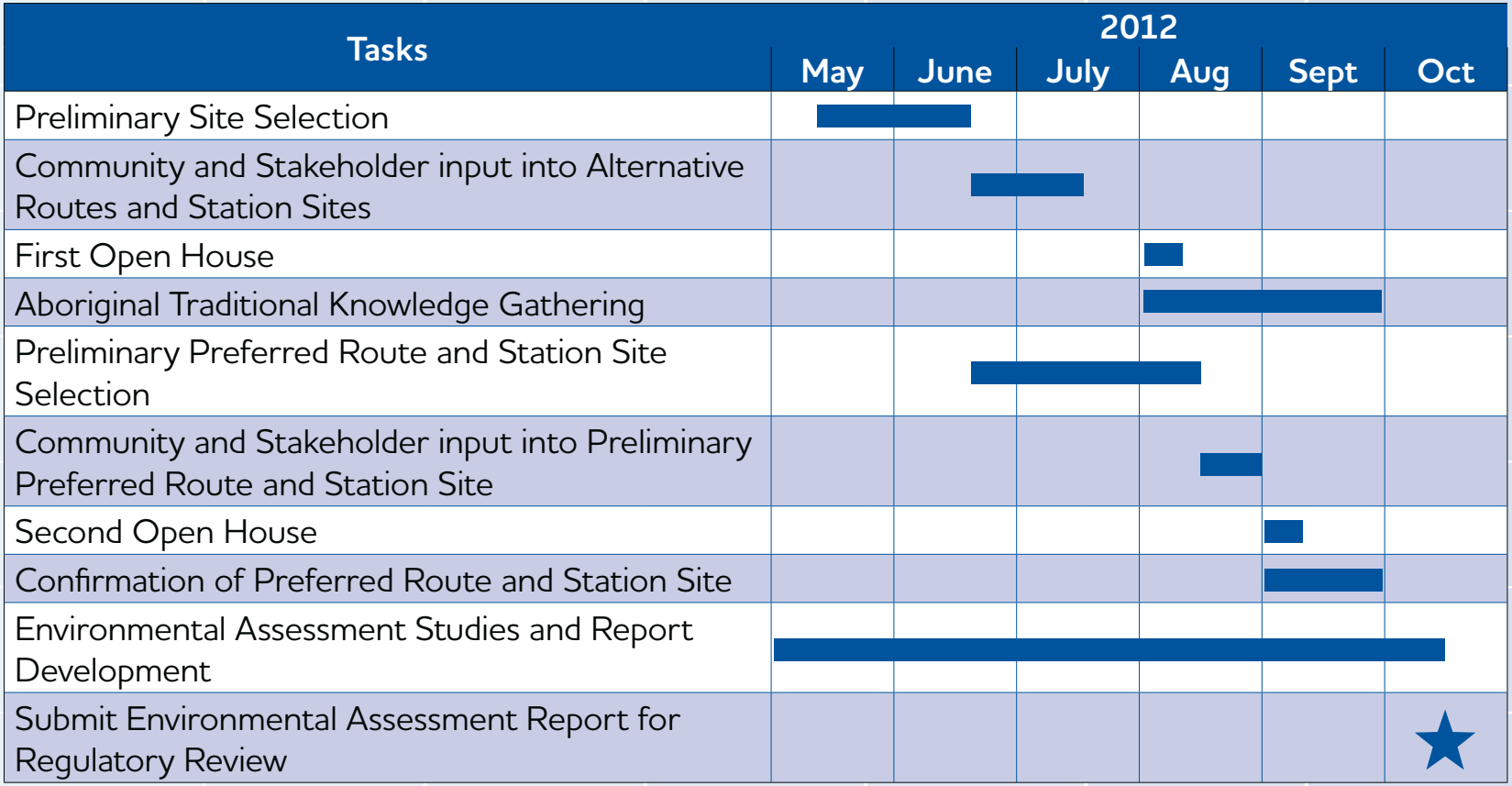
Site Selection and Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment involves:

- Study area characterization
  - Biophysical (wildlife, vegetation etc.)
  - Socioeconomic (heritage resources, land use etc.)
- Public engagement
- Identification of:
  - Potential environmental effects
  - Mitigation measures
  - Follow-up actions
- Preparation of an Environmental Assessment Report

Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Schedule



Public Engagement Processes

The Public Engagement Process includes:

- Engagement with
  - local communities and administrations,
  - municipal and provincial government departments,
  - First Nations and Metis,
  - NGOs,
  - resource users and
  - other interested stakeholders

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Regulatory Licensing Process

- Requires a Class 2 Licence, under the *Environment Act* (Manitoba)
- Environmental Assessment Report submission in October 2012
- Regulatory Review

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Employment Opportunities

Contracts, when publicly tendered, require recruitment sessions by contractors in nearby communities to promote local employment.

Types of Positions:

- equipment operators,
- truck drivers,
- tower assemblers and
- other general labourer positions

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Comment Form

Please complete a comment form and leave it in the box provided

- Let us know if you have any comments or concerns about the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project
- Tell us if you may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project and provide any actions you feel Manitoba Hydro can take to avoid or minimize any potential effects

Thank you for attending the Open House and providing your valuable input into the proposed Keeyask Transmission Project

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