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Shannon Johnson
Manitoba Hydro
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Re: St. Vital Transmission Complex Project

The proposal submitted pursuant to *The Environment Act* for the St. Vital Transmission Complex project, and comments received from the public and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) related to the proposal, have been reviewed. The following additional information is required based on this review.

1. Provide information on the potential for the requested changes to the proposed transmission line route that are outlined in the attached comments from Mr. Myron Knodel and Mr. Don Doerkson;
2. Provide information on the potential for routing the transmission lines around Sage Creek;
3. Provide information on whether the Sage Creek land developers were notified by Manitoba Hydro that additional transmission lines were planned for the right-of-way in Sage Creek, prior to development of the community; and
4. Provide information on any additional health risks to landowners where there would be four transmission lines in one right-of-way, based on the attached comments from the "southofsagecreek" e-mail address.

The environmental assessment review process will continue upon receipt of your response to the above requested information.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at elise.dagdick@gov.mb.ca or (204) 619-0709.

Yours truly,
"original signed by"

Elise Dagdick, B.Sc
Environment Officer

Att.

c: Public Registries

Myron Knodel

[REDACTED]

Hon. Ron Lemieux-MLA Dawson Trail

Box 217,101-1309 Rue Dawson Road

Lorette, Man. R0A 0Y0

Dear Mr Lemieux:

Re: St Vital Transmission Complex


I am writing to request your help. The St. Vital Transmission Complex has mapped out their final preferred route (map attached). This route is planning to go through our farm land and it is not necessary to do so. An existing hydro line already runs just west of the proposed route and the proposed route does join up and run parallel to this existing line approximately a mile north. The area parallel to the existing line is now wasted land, infested with weeds and is not maintained by department of highways or floodway authority.

Hydro poles are a hazard on farm land, they impose a cost and inconvenience to the farmer and are even more problematic as equipment sizes increase. Every effort should be taken to avoid going through farm land especially when a more logical and practical alternative is available. In addition this proposed route would pass through a tree line which acts as a wind break and is used as a blind for goose hunting.

I have raised my concern at the "We want to hear from you" open house and have advised Trevor Jayle of Licensing & Environmental Assessment with Manitoba Hydro. My concern was either ignored or quickly dismissed. Accordingly, I am looking to you for help.

I hope you will help me in this matter.

Yours truly,



Myron Knodel

Cc: Manitoba Conservation -Elise Dagdick

Manitoba Hydro

Ted Falk, MP

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: Don Doerksen [REDACTED]

Sent: July-23-14 10:00 AM

To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

Subject: st vital transmission line

Good Morning Elise

I'm contacting you regarding the proposed St Vital Transmission line by MB Hydro. I live on [REDACTED] and the line is proposed to go on the west side of Sec [REDACTED]. This places the line very close to my house and farm yard which is my livelihood.

I'm not sure how this will impact my operation but there is always the concern of line buzz, stray voltage and just the inconvenience of this infrastructure so close to the yard. Would it not be the same cost or even more cost effective to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]), this is still on my property but at least I would not have this line so close to my house and farm yard. Thank you for this consideration, for comments you may email or call my cell at [REDACTED].

Best Regards
Don Doerksen

Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

From: southofsagecreek
Sent: August-04-14 9:39 PM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CWS)
Subject: St.Vital Transmission Complex - File 5719

The area of concern is the Manitoba Hydro corridor south of Sage Creek to the Floodway. Consideration should have been given to the number of lines in the corridor and fairness to those landowners beside it. There are already two power lines in this corridor (in the segment from the perimeter to the floodway) and with the addition of two more for this complex, there will be four.

The decreased property value, health risks associated with four lines (not studied by manitoba hydro), and the decreased enjoyment of life (having to look at them everyday), is a sacrifice that no other Manitobans have to make. Nowhere in Manitoba are there four rows of transmission line towers in such a narrow corridor running through the middle of someones property. And that's not fair.

Additionally, this land is within the City of Winnipeg boundary and will eventually be developed. Adding two more lines will significantly reduce its value (evidenced by sage creek residents objection to the addition of lines). Due to the protests of Sage Creek residents, Manitoba Hydro is combining two lines into one by "double circuiting" the lines through sage creek. But landowners beside the same corridor between Sage Creek and the Floodway have been ignored.

In the interest of fairness, Manitoba Hydro should:

1. Double circuit the segment from Sage Creek to the floodway or Compensate landowners bordering the corridor from Sage Creek to the floodway for the decrease in property values, health risks, and loss of enjoyment of life; or
2. Purchase the property between the perimeter and the floodway to avoid future issues such as those experienced in Sage Creek

Thank you.