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Client File No. 5792.00
Licence No. 3163

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development
Suite 160, 123 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

Dear Ms. Braun:

**Re: Notice of Alteration for the Northwest Gas Pipeline Transmission Project
(Licence: 3163)**

Manitoba Hydro is requesting a route adjustment for the Northwest Gas Pipeline Transmission Project. The construction crew has encountered multiple MTS lines in a ditch along their planned route. We are proposing that the pipeline be rerouted to the south side of Winfield Road, east of Stonewall, for approximately 350 meters (see Attachment 1).

With this proposed modification Table 6.20 on page 79 of the Northwest Gas Pipeline Transmission Project Environmental Assessment Report would change to include three additional residences due to the route modification. Each of these residences requires a new easement. All three easements required for this modification are in the process of being secured. The rerouted portion of the line would be installed using a Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD), minimizing impacts to the environment. The contractor will complete a *Horizontal Directional Drilling Execution Plan* prior to conducting works in the area. Project activities will occur during day-time hours to minimize the effects of noise to landowners and local wildlife. The contractor will also follow all applicable noise bylaws. Affected landowners will be compensated and provided the opportunity to have questions answered and concerns addressed.

Effects to the environment and residences are minimized by using HDD and by implementing the above noted mitigation measures. As a result, we do not anticipate any change to the conclusions made in the original environmental assessment with this route modification.



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Should you require more information or have any questions, please contact Sarah Coughlin at 204-360-3016.

Regards,

Original Signed by Shannon Johnson

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Attachment 1



Figure 1. Image of proposed route modification west of Stonewall, along Winfield Road.