

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

**PROPONENT:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Ilford 138 - kV Transformer Station Project  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transmission  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5070.00

### OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated November 15, 2004 and received on November 17, 2004. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate a new 138 - 12 kilovolt transformer located 6 km. northeast of the community of Ilford. The new station is required to address electrical deficiencies and safety standards associated with the existing station. The station will tap directly off the existing Kelsey Station to Kettle Rapids Station transmission line. The existing Ilford Station and transmission line tap will be salvaged once the new station is in service. In service is targeted for the fall of 2005.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Thompson Nickel Belt News on Monday November 29, 2004. It was placed in the Manitoba Eco-Network, the St. James – Assiniboia Public Library and the Thompson Public Library. A copy of the Proposal was also filed with the Town of Gillam. It was distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by December 30, 2004.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments were received from the public in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

### COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources No concerns

Mines Branch No concerns

Petroleum Branch No concerns

**Intergovernmental Affairs** No land use or development concerns

**Conservation (Policy Coordination Branch)** Recommend that precautions should be taken with respect to containment of old transformer oil from the salvaged station.

Disposition: The Licence will require that, prior to any decision to dispose of the salvaged station site the Licencee shall determine acceptable levels of any PCB contaminated soils tested from the salvaged station site from current CCME guidelines. Manitoba Conservation Northeast Region, shall be notified of any plans for disposal of oil from the salvaged transformers or disposal of contaminated soils prior to disposal of the oil/ soils.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CCEA)** Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will not likely be required. Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada offered to provide specialist advice on the project, if requested.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing is not recommended for this project on the basis that no comments or concerns were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:**

The comments received from the technical review of the Proposal can be accommodated as conditions of licencing. In addition, it is recommended that the station design should include provisions for the containment of insulating oil spills. It is recommended that the project be licenced pursuant to the Environment Act in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the attached draft Environment Act Licence.

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