



Sustainable Development

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Shannon Johnson
Manitoba Hydro
820 Taylor Avenue
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Re: Bipole III Transmission Project – Environment Act Licence No. 3055

This is in regard to your letter dated January 18, 2017 requesting approval to bury fibre optic cables within the AC Collector transmission line right of way.

The Environmental Approvals Branch is processing this request as a minor alteration to Environment Act Licence No. 3055, pursuant to clause 14(2)(b) of *The Environment Act*. It has been determined that the potential environmental effects from the cable installation, as proposed, are insignificant and can be accommodated by the existing limits, terms and conditions of Environment Act Licence No. 3055. In accordance with Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act*, I hereby grant approval to Manitoba Hydro to implement the proposed alteration.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Elise Dagdick of this office at Elise.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Braun, M.Sc.
Director

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