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Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Route Revisions Clause 8 Environment Act Licence 3055

The Bipole III Transmission Project Environment Act Licence 3055, clause # 8 states:

The Licencee shall follow the recommended routing changes cited in recommendation 9.3 in the Clean Environment Commission's (CEC) report unless there is compelling reasons not to do so. Any proposed deviations from the route changes recommended by the CEC's recommendation 9.3 shall be provided to the Director, for approval prior to construction in those areas, providing compelling rationale for the final route preferred.

The CEC Report on Public Hearing for the Bipole III Transmission Project section 9.3 notes: *Given the Commission's view that Manitoba Hydro may not have consulted with all affected farmers along the route, it is recommended that, prior to making the specific changes recommended above, Manitoba Hydro consult with all affected farmers to seek consensus or majority support for moving the line from roadsides to the half-mile line. The Commission is cognizant that there may be differences of opinion among farmers. We expect Manitoba Hydro to consult directly with all involved farmers. If no consensus can be reached, majority will rule. Straight stretches are to remain straight.*

These proposed adjustments occur on agricultural lands in construction segments S1 and S2 where the current placement is not located on the half mile line. The CEC specified that the half-mile line should be used, unless consultation with landowners demonstrates that there are compelling reasons not to relocate the transmission line.

Please find attached the final report on this matter prepared by Prairie Research Associates. We are seeking approval that the outcome of engagement with farmers and the resulting route selections meet the Licence condition.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-360-4394.

Regards,

Original signed by Shannon Johnson

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