

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Conservation has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act from the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

MANITOBA HYDRO – POINTE DU BOIS SPILLWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT **(File: 5471.00)**

Manitoba Hydro has filed a Proposal and Draft Scoping Document for the Pointe du Bois Spillway Project. This project alters the former Pointe du Bois Modernization Project, which has been withdrawn. The present project involves the construction of new spillways and new concrete and earth dams at the Pointe du Bois Generating Station. The existing powerhouse will not be rebuilt, and will continue to operate with ongoing activities to maintain safety and reliability. Historical water level ranges will continue to be maintained on the forebay during and following the construction of the new spillway and dam components. The new spillway and dam facilities will be constructed immediately downstream of the existing facilities, and the existing facilities will be decommissioned upon the completion of the new facilities. The Draft Scoping Document outlines information that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIS) will contain following the environmental assessment of the project.

Anyone likely to be affected by the described development, or who wishes to provide comment on the Proposal and Draft Scoping Document should contact Manitoba Conservation in writing, not later than **JULY 30, 2010**. Please submit written comments to Bruce Webb (bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca) at the address below.

Note: All comments received in response to this notice will become part of the public registry files for the projects and will be considered publicly available.

A separate notice will be published following receipt of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the project, targeted for the spring of 2011. The EIS will also be made available for public review and comment following the filing date.

Further information is available from the website listed below and the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station) Main Floor, Winnipeg; the Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; the Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg; the Brokenhead River Regional Library, 427 Park Ave., Beausejour; the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Office, #4187 – PR #317, Lac du Bonnet; and the L.G.D. of Pinawa Office, 36 Burrows Road, Pinawa; or by contacting Bruce Webb at 945-7021.

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