



**MINISTER OF  
CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP**

Legislative Building  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA  
R3C 0V8

**CLIENT FILE NO.: 5433.00**

August 14, 2013

Shannon Johnson  
Manitoba Hydro  
820 Taylor Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3M 3T1

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Enclosed is **Environment Act Licence No. 3055** dated August 14, 2013 issued to **Manitoba Hydro** for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Development being the Bipole III Transmission Project, consisting of a new 500 kV HVdc transmission line connecting two new converter stations, one in the north near Gillam (Keewatinooow Converter Station) and one in the south near Winnipeg (Riel Converter Station), two new ground electrodes connected to each of the new converter stations, and new 230 kV ac transmission collector lines to connect the new northern converter station to existing northern converter stations, in accordance with the Proposal dated December 14, 2009, the Bipole III Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) filed under The Environment Act in December 2011, supporting information filed in association with the EIS dated June 22, July 31, August 8, September 17 and 20, October 2, 23, and 19, 2012, January 28, February 19, and 25, 2013, in consideration of the June 2013 Clean Environment Commission Report on Public Hearings.

In addition to the enclosed Licence requirements, please be advised that it is my intent to ensure that all of the non-licensing recommendations in the Clean Environment Commission report be implemented. Technical staff in my department will contact you in the near future to discuss implementation of the recommendation to cooperatively conduct a Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment for all Manitoba Hydro projects and associated infrastructure in the Nelson River sub-watershed.

Further to the above, Manitoba Hydro will be required to invest in educational and/or knowledge transfer programs that promote trapping as well as plant harvesting to affected communities. Department staff will be in contact to discuss this further.

In addition to the enclosed Licence requirements, please be informed that all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws must be complied with. A Notice of Alteration must be filed with the Minister for approval prior to any alteration to the Development as licensed.

Pursuant to Section 27 of *The Environment Act*, this licensing decision may be appealed by any person who is affected by the issuance of this Licence within 30 days of the date of the Licence.

Yours truly,



**Gord Mackintosh**  
*The Environment Act*

Enc.

c: Don Labossiere, Director, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement  
Regional Directors: Pierce Roberts, Wayde Roberts, Perry Stonehouse, Rob Nedotiafko  
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**NOTE:** Confirmation of Receipt of this Licence No. 3055 (*by the Licencee only*) is required by the Director of Environmental Approvals. Please acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and faxing a copy (letter only) to the Department by August 28, 2013

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On behalf of Manitoba Hydro

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Date

**\*\*A COPY OF THE LICENCE MUST BE KEPT ON SITE AT THE DEVELOPMENT AT ALL TIMES\*\***