

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPOSER:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Madison 115-24 kV Station Project  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transformer Stations 115kV to 230 kV  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5605.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

An Environment Act Proposal for the project was received on February 26, 2013. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate a new 115–24 kV transformer station at 555 Madison St. in the City of Winnipeg. The new station is required to replace aging equipment at the existing St. James station, located at the corner of Portage Ave. and St. James St., and to provide additional capacity to the St. James area of Winnipeg. The project includes termination of three 115 kV transmission circuits at the new station, which requires construction of approximately 1.5 km of new underground 115 kV transmission cabling on an existing Manitoba Hydro right-of-way. Connection of existing 24 kV distribution feeders from the new station to St. James Station and to existing feeders in the area is also required. Construction is planned to begin in 2013. An in-service date of 2015 is anticipated.”

The Proposal was distributed to the "Transmission" Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, March 16, 2013. It was placed in the following public registries: Legislative Library, Manitoba Eco-Network, and Millennium Public Library, and on the Environmental Approvals Branch webpage. Comments were requested by April 18, 2013.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments from the public on the proposal.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Following is a summary of TAC comments received pertaining to the Proposal. Copies of the original comments from TAC are available in the Public Registries.

### **Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch**

No concerns.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch and Lands Branch**

No concerns.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Fisheries Branch**

There are no surface waters within the proposed work area. Assiniboine River is 0.5 km south of the St. James Station. It would appear that there are minimal concerns with this proposal except for the potential of a spill which could lead to runoff to storm water drains. Manitoba Hydro however has indicated that the final design of the facility will be subject to containment assessment procedures. During construction, particularly re-routing the lines, they should implement sediment control measures to minimize sediment entering stormwater drains.

***Disposition:***

These comments were addressed in the licence conditions.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water**

The entire proposed development is within the City of Winnipeg and any effects or connections to public waterworks would fall under the City of Winnipeg Water By-law and would be taken care of by the City of Winnipeg Waterworks and Waste Disposal Division. As such, Office of Drinking Water has no concerns with the EAP or proposed development.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Quality Management Section**

No comments.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use and Licensing Section**

No concerns.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Natural Areas Branch**

No comments.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation**

No concerns.

***Disposition:***

No action required.

**Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner**

The OFC has reviewed the proposal and recommends that licensee be required to obtain the required demolition, building and occupancy permits from the City of Winnipeg Property and Planning Branch, and that a fire safety plan be developed with the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service (WFPS) prior to occupancy of any structures on site.

***Disposition:***

These comments were provided to the proponent for their information.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

There were no requests for a public hearing. A public hearing is not recommended.

**CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION**

Crown-Aboriginal Consultation is not required for this project as it is located entirely within a highly developed area of the City of Winnipeg on previously developed land.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as conditions of licensing for the project, or have been forwarded to the proponent for their information. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms, and conditions as described in the attached Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Central Region prior to construction.

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