

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Manitoba Hydro
PROPOSAL NAME: Brereton Lake 124-12kV Station
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transmission
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4704.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated October 12, 2001 and was received on October 17, 2001. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct and operate a new 124 - 12 kV transformer station in the Brereton area and upgrade the existing distribution in parts of the Whiteshell Provincial Park, north of PTH 44. The proposed station site is located west of PR 307 to the south of the existing Seven Sisters to Kenora 124 kV transmission line which crosses through the park. The new station and distribution system upgrade is required enhance electrical reliability in the Whiteshell Provincial Park along portions of PTH 44 and PR 307. The existing Rennie and White Lake transformer stations will be salvaged after the new station and distribution upgrade are in operation. In service is targeted for the fall of 2003.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, October 27, 2001 and in the Beausejour Clipper on Monday, October 29, 2001. It was placed in public registries located at 123 Main Street (Union Station), Winnipeg; the Centennial Public Library, 251 Donald Street, Winnipeg and the Brokenhead River Regional Library in Beausejour. It was also distributed to the "Transmission" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by November 26, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments were received from the public in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

On November 13, 2001, the Rural Municipality of Reynolds provided a copy of its Resolution on the project which they passed on October 29, 2001. The Resolution read as follows:

“Resolved that Manitoba Conservation be advised that the RM of Reynolds has no objection to Manitoba Hydro Brereton Lake project (File No. 4704.00).”

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Natural Resources - Request that a pre-construction meeting be held between the Manitoba Hydro project manager and Eastern Region staff to discuss the construction schedule, required permits, landscape erosion control, road drainage and any potential impacts associated with Phase 2 of the project. Request that Manitoba Hydro obtain a

Work Permit and a Timber Permit prior to construction. Require that all merchantable timber be harvested as directed by Manitoba Conservation and that all non-merchantable timber be subject to a Forest Damage Appraisal and disposed as directed by Manitoba Conservation.

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A water borne timber preservative, such as chromated copper arsenate (CCA), should be used for the treated timber poles located in wet areas.

Disposition: Comments can be accommodated as conditions of the Licence.

Historic Resources - No concerns with regard to the project's potential to impact heritage resources.

Mines Branch - No concerns.

Petroleum Branch - No concerns.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CCEA) - Application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will not be required.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not recommended for this project on the basis that no comments or concerns were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:

The comments received from the technical review of the Proposal can be accommodated as conditions of licencing. It is therefore recommended that the project be licenced pursuant to the Environment Act in accordance with the terms and conditions described in the attached draft Environment Act Licence.

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