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Dear Mr. Strachan

SELKIRK AND BRANDON GENERATING STATIONS –ENVIRONMENT ACT LICENCES

In Environment Act Licence 1645RRRR for Selkirk Generating Station it is stated that the licence will be reviewed by the Director if the plant is not retired as a thermal generating station in or before the year 2005. It is also stated in Licence 1703R for Brandon Generating Station that the licence will be reviewed by the Director if the plant is not retired as a thermal generating station in or before the year 2006.

This letter is to inform you that Manitoba Hydro plans to continue to operate Selkirk (using natural gas) and Brandon Unit 5 (using coal) for electrical generating purposes beyond 2005 and 2006 respectively. Our current plan is to operate the stations until approximately 2020.

We anticipate that this will initiate a review of the Licences by your Department. Manitoba Hydro seeks your direction on the licence review process, so that we can prepare and meet your information requirements within the identified time frames.

Should you require any additional information please contact Bill Brown at 474-3690.

Yours truly,

Ed Wojczynski
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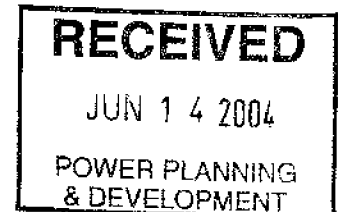
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Dear Mr. Wojczynski:

Re: Selkirk and Brandon Generating Stations – Environment Act Licences

I am responding to your letter dated May 18, 2004 respecting the licence review clauses in Environment Act Licences No. 1645 RRRR and No. 1703 R. As to direction on the review process, I can advise as follows:

- 1) a formal submission of a Proposal under Section 11 of the Environment Act is not required;
- 2) Manitoba Hydro should generate, for each of the Selkirk G.S. and the Brandon G.S., a comprehensive up-to-date Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to supersede the EIS's which were submitted to the Department in 1992. The new EIS's would serve as the new benchmark and source of reference for the future operation of these facilities; and
- 3) Manitoba Hydro should implement a public consultation process to ensure opportunity for public participation and input.

I trust that the foregoing adequately addresses the scope of your inquiry. Should you require any additional clarification, please feel free to call me at 945-7071.

Yours truly,

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