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Cordella Friesen
Director
Environmental Approvals
Manitoba Conservation and Climate
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Dear Ms. Friesen:

RE: Notice of Alteration for the St. Vital Transmission Complex Project

Manitoba Hydro received an *Environment Act* Licence (No. 3207) for the above noted project on January 30, 2017. This letter serves to request an alteration to the project.

Manitoba Hydro is proposing to alter the Project by adjusting the route to accommodate landowner concerns (Map 1).

Landowners are concerned with the current route of the transmission line restricting access to their property. The proposed adjustment is to realign the route closer to PTH 59. This does not introduce any new landowners and has been agreed to by all affected landowners.

The proposed change will shorten the route by approximately 13 m. There will be three angle towers and three suspension towers instead of one angle tower and five suspension towers.

Changes to the potential effects of the project relate primarily to the agricultural land use and wildlife valued components. These changes are summarized in table 1. The adjustment will result in a slightly smaller overall footprint on agricultural land and will result in the retention of a small shelterbelt (figure 1; photo 1),

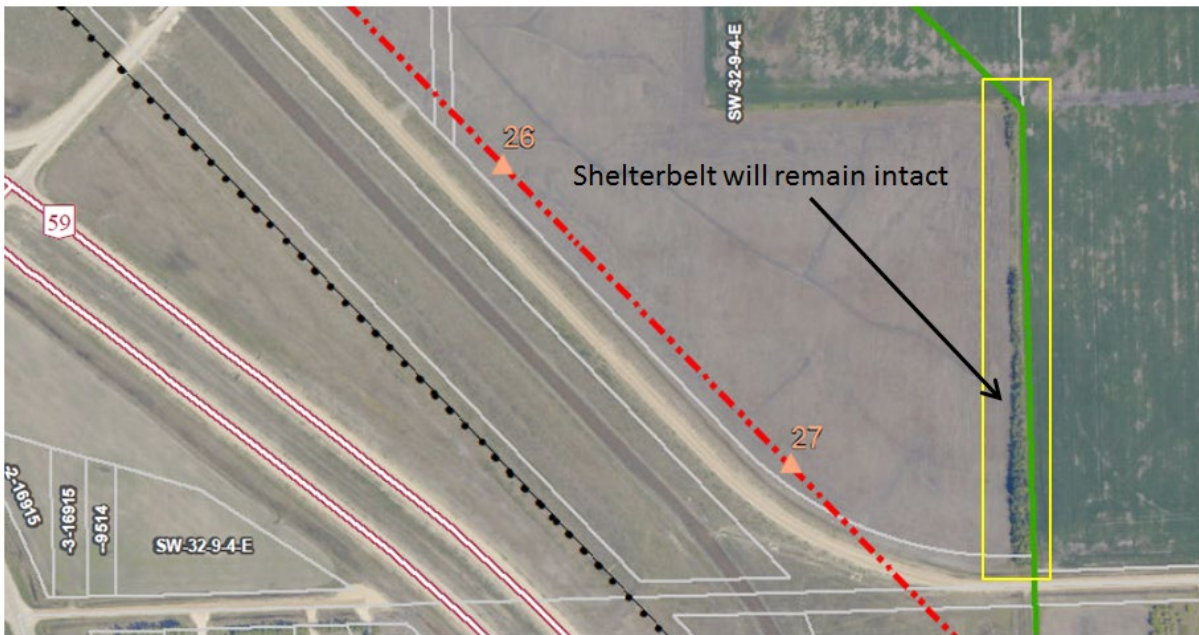


Figure 1: Shelterbelt on current alignment



Photo 1: Looking northeast from Southside Road (SW 32-9-4-E)

Table 1: Summary of potential changes to valued components

Valued Component	Potential change in effects
Atmospheric Environment	No change
Groundwater Resources	No change
Aquatic resources	No change
Wildlife	Less wildlife habitat will be altered. Net positive effect (shelter belt retained)
Natural vegetation	No change
Traditional land and resource use	No change
Infrastructure and services	No change
Employment and economy	No change
Property and residential development	No change
Agricultural land use	Smaller overall footprint on agricultural land. Net positive effect.
Non-agricultural land use	No change
Communities	No change
Heritage resources	No change

Summary

The proposed adjustment was reviewed against the valued components used for the environmental assessment to determine if the proposed change would increase potential effects.

Overall, the proposed alterations; do not alter ROW width, do not increase effects to any valued components and, therefore, do not change the conclusions in the St. Vital Transmission Complex Project Environmental Assessment Report.

In closing, should you require more information or have any questions, please contact me at 204-360-3119.

Regards,

Original signed by James Matthewson

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Attachments: Map & NOA Form