

May 1, 2018

Client File No. 5719.00

Licence No. 3207

Ms. Tracey Braun
Director
Environmental Approvals
Manitoba Sustainable Development
1007 Century Street
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W4

Dear Ms. Braun:

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

Manitoba Hydro received an *Environment Act* License (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 Red River crossing and moving from the south side of the municipal road to the north side (see attached map). The rationale for the adjustment is based on more detailed design information at the crossing of the Red River and discussions with the traversed landowners. The proposed adjustment will cross the river at a better angle, allow for towers with a smaller footprint and height, and then run along the north side of the municipal road ROW. The final preferred route presented in the EA Report ran along the south side of the municipal road ROW.

The proposed adjustment was reviewed against the valued components used for the environmental assessment to determine if the proposed change would increase potential effects to any of the valued components (see attached Table 1 for summary).

The adjustment will slightly improve the crossing of the Red River and reduce the amount of riparian vegetation cleared. This should not increase and likely decrease potential effects to the aquatic habitat. The amount of vegetation to be cleared is similar, therefore there should be no change in potential effects to vegetation or wildlife.

There are currently 5 landowners traversed by the existing route on the south side of the municipal road. With the new alignment, there will be 4 landowners, all of which are traversed already. Manitoba Hydro has talked with the landowners. Two prefer the proposed adjustment and two have no concerns with the proposed realignment. There are no other potential effects to land use as the proposed route crosses the same amount and type of agricultural land.

Overall, the proposed alterations; do not alter ROW width or route length, do not increase effects to any valued components and, therefore, do not change the conclusions in the St. Vital transmission project Environmental Assessment Report.

In closing, should you require more information or have any questions, please contact me at 204-360-4394.

Regards,

Original signed by

Shannon Johnson
Manager
Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department
Manitoba Hydro
820 Taylor Ave (3)
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3M 3T1

Attachments: 3 – Table 1, Map & NOA Form

Table 1: summary of potential changes to valued components

Valued Component	Potential increase effect due to the proposed alteration
Aquatic resources	Slightly less clearing of riparian vegetation.
Wildlife	No change in habitat lost
Natural vegetation	No change in vegetation cleared
Traditional land and resource use	No change
Infrastructure and services	No change
Employment and economy	No change
Property and residential development	One less landowner traversed. Two landowners prefer the proposed change. Two landowners have no concerns.
Agricultural land use	Same amount and type of agricultural land traversed. No change in potential effects.
Non-agricultural land use	No change
Communities	No change
Heritage resources	No change