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Shannon Johnson Manitoba Hydro 820 Taylor Avenue Winnipeg MB R3M 3T1

Dear Ms. Johnson:

## Re: Bipole III Transmission Project – Environment Act Licence No. 3055

The *Bipole III Transmission Project Construction Environmental Protection Plan Keewatinoow Converter Station Facilities and Infrastructure and Ground Electrode* submitted by Manitoba Hydro on October 30, 2013 in accordance with Clause 4 of Environment Act Licence No. 3055 has been reviewed. The plan satisfies the requirements for Clause 4 c), d), and f) for the Keewatinoow Converter Station phase of the project.

Given that the pre-construction requirements of the licence for the converter station have been satisfied, I am hereby granting approval to proceed with construction of the Keewatinoow Converter Station portion of the Bipole III Transmission Project.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Elise Dagdick of this office at (204) 619-0709.

Yours truly,

"Originally signed by"

Tracey Braun, M.Sc. Director Environmental Approvals Branch

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