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From: Kaita, Adara (CON) **On Behalf Of** +WPG1212 - Conservation_Circulars (CON)
Sent: November-15-12 8:49 AM
To: Dagdick, Elise (CON)
Subject: FW: Re-Routing - Bipole III - File: 5433,00

Hi Elise,

Comments from the Forestry Branch came to Lands and I don't think that it got forwarded to your branch. Please see below for the comments from John Thorpe.

Thanks,

Adara Kaita

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Subject: RE: Re-Routing - Bipole III - File: 5433.00

Hello Dale,

Provincial Forest Lands are Order in Council and have much higher forest values than Hydro's previous preferred route.

Forestry is very concerned with the cumulative impact to productive forest lands and loss of the forested land base to other uses.

On forestry's behalf I recommend that a no net loss to provincial forest lands be approached here. That is hydro would compensate for the withdrawal of the productive forest land in the Mountain Forest Section by (in order of preference) :

- Purchasing private lands on the periphery of the provincial forests for addition to the provincial forest. These lands must be equal or better forest values/productivity and be within the Mountain Forest Section.
- Provide funding to enhance forest productivity on existing regenerating areas within the provincial forest being impacted. (eg. For rehabilitating non satisfactorily regenerating areas within regenerating stands e.g. roads, landings with marginal regeneration success or stand tending (thinning stands to promote a growth response)
- Purchase suitable, marginal farm lands and reforest these areas to meet provincial Free to Grow requirements.

Notes

- This approach not only maintains the wood supply but will help maintain a wide variety of forestry values including wild life habitat in the provincial forest being impacted.
- These comments apply to the Porcupine and Swan Pelican Provincial forest
- Note that Rural Municipalities such as RM of Mountain own forested lands which they occasionally put up for sale through auction. This may be a source for land acquisition.
- Bellsite area the reroute may be within or close to a portion of the Bell-steep rock protected area protected under the Forest Act. Check with PAI regarding routing detail and proximity to this protected area.
- Forest Inventory and Resource Analysis review of impact of the new route may be needed.

- A forestry (A) code is recommended to be maintained or added to all forested lands Moose Meadows.

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Manitoba Hydro has submitted the attached response requesting the rerouting of the proposed transmission line with regard to the Bipole III Transmission Line Environmental Impact Statement (File 5433.00).

Please provide any comments on the material by **October 31, 2012**.