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Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Transmission Project (Licence 3055) – Towers Exceeding ROW

This letter serves to provide clarification regarding the use of the term selective clearing in the original request. Whether caribou or other sensitive area, the installation of a tower site involves the complete removal of all trees in that immediate area (tower foundation and the four anchor blocks). In order to have equipment conduct those excavations the entire immediate area is grubbed (complete removal of stumps and roots to a minimum depth). In the case of a caribou sensitive area, the overall area will be cleared using low impact methods such as feller-buncher and hand-clearing, but the tower location will be completely cleared of stumps.

The intention of the use of the word “selective” in the original request was to indicate Manitoba Hydro plans to only clear the immediate and necessary area around an anchor block that exceeds the 66 metre right of way, not the entire width of an 80 metre right-of-way.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification of our comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Original signed by James Matthewson

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