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Licence No. 3055

Ms. Tracey Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: Bipole III Transmission Project (Licence 3055) – Route Adjustment

Pursuant to the Bipole III Transmission Project *Environment Act* licence 3055, this letter serves to request approval for a minor route adjustment. This route adjustment involves the realignment of approximately 4 kilometres of transmission line segment N1 into the Keewatinohk Converter Station.

The Bipole III termination point has moved further north to a different location in the Keewatinohk Converter Station switchyard to facilitate possible future development. This adjustment involves moving the centre line and eight transmission towers approximately 90 metres north as shown in the attached map. This adjustment falls within previously obtained Crown Land parcels.

Environmentally Sensitive Sites (ESS) are identified for water crossings and soils (permafrost) in this area. The new alignment will create new locations for the two existing water crossings on unnamed tributaries of Goose Creek, however, there should still be adequate space to maintain a 30 metre buffer. Current permafrost mapping does not cover the entire realignment area, however, it is likely there is permafrost in the realignment area, so prescribed mitigation for permafrost would apply to the new alignment. No heritage sites have been identified for this area.

Your timely response to this route adjustment request is very much appreciated.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification of our comments please do not hesitate to contact me at 204-360-4394.

Regards,

Original signed by Shannon Johnson

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Cc: Pierce Roberts, Director, Northeast Region