

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Sent: July-05-13 6:19 PM
To: Steele, Tania (CWS)
Subject: Manitoba Hydro - Morris Natural Gas Pipeline Project File: 5649.00

The attached material can be placed in the public registries for the above project:

Public Comments: none received.

Technical Advisory Committee Comments: (14 pages)

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch, June 28, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Programs and Strategies Branch, Air Quality Section, June 19, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Watersheds and Protected Areas Branch and Lands Branch, July 2, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Wildlife Branch, June 28, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Science and Management Branch, Water Quality Management Section, June 12, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Science and Management Branch, Groundwater Management Section, July 2, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Fisheries Branch, June 21, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section, May 30, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section, June 3, 2013

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water, June 28, 2013

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services Section, June 10, 2013

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, June 4, 2013

Manitoba Family Services and Labour – Office of the Fire Commissioner, June 24, 2013

Bruce.

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Hawryliuk, Yvonne (CWS)
Sent: June-28-13 3:57 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS) *BW*
Subject: FW: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

We have reviewed the file and can provide the following.

As a result of the closeness of the project area to water channels, there may be potential for sediment transfer surface water. Care must be taking to minimize this.

No other concerns with the proposal.

Please note change in address

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Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Molod, Rommel (CWS)

Sent: June-19-13 8:58 AM

To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)

Cc: Streich, Laurie (CWS)

Subject: RE: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

Bruce, Air Quality Section has reviewed the above EA proposal and potential air quality concerns are adequately addressed. No significant impact on air quality is expected provided that the measures cited in the proposal are implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.
Rommel

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Kaita, Adara (CWS) on behalf of +WPG1212 - Conservation_Circulars (CWS)
Sent: July-02-13 1:10 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS) *BL*
Subject: EA Proposal - MB Hydro - Morris NGL - File: 5649.00

Hi Bruce,

The Watersheds and Protected Areas Branch and the Lands Branch have no concerns.

- Adara

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Kanya, Veronika (CWS)
Sent: June-28-13 2:26 PM *BL*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: FW: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

Hi Bruce,

Wildlife branch has no concerns, however our comment is that their survey date of April 20 is not an appropriate survey time for plants and most other wildlife species.

Cheers,

Veronika

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Webb, Bruce (CWS)

Subject: FW: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

From: Jacobs, Kevin (CWS)
Sent: June-12-13 9:23 AM *BL*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: RE: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

Hello Bruce,

On behalf of the Water Quality Management Section of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship I reviewed the proposal for a natural gas line extension between the communities of Letellier and St. Jean. Given there appears to be no water crossings and the pipeline will traverse developed agricultural land I have no substantive comments with respect to water quality. One general comment would be that hydrostatic testing of pipelines shall be performed in a manner acceptable to the department.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this file.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call.

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Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Toop, David (CWS)
Sent: July-02-13 2:40 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS) *BL*
Cc: Phipps, Graham (CWS)
Subject: 5649 Morris Gas Pipeline

Dear Bruce

I have reviewed the submission for a gas pipeline. The area is underlain by a thick unit of clay and the underlying carbonate aquifer is salty. According to our records there are two, possibly active wells located near St. Jean Baptiste that are within the study area. They are located on River Lots 225 and 237. The Proponent should contact the owners to determine if they are still active.

Given the clay substrate, lack of potable aquifer, lack of wells in the area, and since the pipeline will not be carrying liquids, I have no further concerns at this time.

David

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From: Janusz, Laureen R (CWS)
Sent: June-21-13 7:03 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS) *BL*
Cc: Klein, Geoff (CWS); Long, Jeff (CWS)
Subject: EAP 5649.00 MB Hydro - Morris NGL due July 3

Hi Bruce,

Fisheries Branch has reviewed this proposal to install a 14.5 km long, 4" steel natural gas pipeline between the communities of Letellier and St. Jean Baptiste in the RM of Montcalm; remove a 2" above ground grade valve assembly and 3" grade valve assembly located ~1km SW of St. Jean Baptiste and; acquire an addition 15 m of easement to provide the right of way area needed to install and operate the new gas pipeline. The northern most portion of the new gas pipeline and a portion of the new right of way are located in close proximity to the Plum River. The proponents indicate that there are no instream works or watercourse crossings required as part of the project and therefore are not anticipating any effects to waterways. The proponents will pressure test the pipeline prior to putting it into service. Approximately 300 cubic meters of water will be obtained from the RM of Montcalm water supply. They indicate the release of water will be conducted as per the Project EPP and Manitoba water Stewardship guidelines and permitting for hydrostatic testing.

We do have a concern with the proponent's interpretation of a watercourse. They have indicated not crossing any watercourses but they will be crossing a Water Control Work 3rd Order Drain. In looking at the aerial of the area while the water control work drain may be created it was done so to provide a route for water that would naturally have been facilitated through the many natural surface watercourses which were removed to accommodate agricultural. I don't believe we differentiate between watercourses and drains and in fact under the Water Protection Act a water body is defined as:

"any body of flowing or standing water, whether naturally or artificially created, and whether the flow or presence of water is continuous, intermittent or occurs only during a flood, including but not limited to a lake, river, creek, stream, slough, marsh, swamp and wetland, including ice on any of them. (« plan d'eau »)

Unless there is some other interpretation provided that differentiates drains from watercourses, and I'd appreciate knowing this, please ensure that all surface waters are recognized and treated in proposals as watercourses.

As it stands given the proponents plan on directionally drilling the pipeline at that crossing along with the other measures identified in the proposal any potential concerns should be addressed. We would recommend the inclusion of the following in the licence:

1. The Licencee shall construct waterway crossings by augering, tunneling, or boring in accordance with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans High Pressure Directional Drilling Operational Statement. We have asked that following this clause there be a clause which indicates regional fisheries staff must be contacted if any change to crossing method is required.
2. Respecting the riparian area we would request a clause that requires work, to the extent possible, be conducted outside the 30 m mark from the high water mark of 3rd order and higher rivers and lakes.

3. Respecting the potential to introduce or spread invasive species (inclusive of both terrestrial and aquatic) the following has been included in the licence for the Manitoba Hydro St. Francois Xavier Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline:

The Licencee shall, during construction and maintenance of the Development, prevent the introduction and spread of foreign aquatic and terrestrial biota by ensuring all equipment, including transport equipment, is clean before use at each location.

4. A clause that requests the implementation of erosion and sediment control measures, where there is the potential for sediment to enter surface water, during and after until the site has stabilized.
5. A clause that addresses the release of water used in hydrostatic testing in terms of not being release directly to surface water and meeting parameters as recommended by Water Science Management.

Thanks Bruce. Have a great weekend.

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From: Matthews, Rob (CWS)

Sent: May-30-13 1:18 PM

To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)

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Subject: RE: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

No concerns.

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Roberts, Dan (CWS)
Sent: June-03-13 11:48 AM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS) *BW*
Subject: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

On behalf of the *Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section*, there are no concerns.

Dan Roberts

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Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Stibbard, James (CWS)
Sent: June-28-13 11:30 AM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: Re: 5649.00 Manitoba Hydro Morris NG Pipeline

Mr. Webb,

I reviewed the above noted EAP from Manitoba Hydro for construction of a natural gas pipeline from St Jean to Letellier. The only concern I have with this work is that it is in proximity to the Red River south of Morris and the Red River is the raw water source for the Morris Regional Water Treatment Plant. While it is unlikely, it is possible that residue from a major spill of fuel or something similar could drain or wash into the river and cause issues for the Morris water plant. I would therefore recommend that contact information for the Morris water plant be included in the contingency plans for the project with instructions that, in the event of any spill from the project entering the river, the operator at the Morris water plant be contacted.

Beyond this point, I see no other potential concerns with the project from a public water safety viewpoint.

I trust this is satisfactory, but if you have any questions, please call.

Regards,

James Stibbard P. Eng.

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June 10, 2013

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RE: MB Hydro
Morris NGL Project
Client File No 5649.00

Dear Ms. Braun:

MIT has reviewed proposal noted above and we do not have concerns with the development as proposed.

Thank you very much for providing us the opportunity to review the proposal.

Sincerely,

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Manager of Environmental Services

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Gauer, Elaine (MAFRI)
Sent: June-04-13 1:22 PM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: MAFRI comment: Manitoba Hydro; Morris Natural Gas Pipeline Project; File 5649.00

MAFRI has reviewed the proposal to install a new 4" steel natural gas pipeline, to be run parallel to an existing 3" natural gas pipeline, from Letellier to St. Jean Baptiste. As the pipeline will not interfere with agricultural operations, and has been reviewed by the landowners and community, MAFRI has no Concerns with this proposal.

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Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Kubish, Cheryl (OFC)
Sent: June-24-13 11:23 AM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Cc: Schafer, Dave (OFC)
Subject: RE: Review & comments - MB Hydro - Morris NGL File: 5649.00

Good Morning,

The Office of the Fire Commissioner has reviewed the Proposal and has no comments or concerns at this time.

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