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Impact Statement Bipole III

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My name is Irmgard Kames . My parents immigrated to Canada in 1978 and located their farm just south of Domain just off HWY 330. This is where my mother still lives on the farm and I along with my husband and 3 children; All (19), A.J. (15) and Daniel (14) farm. Our farm is a true family farm since everybody in the family works on the farm and has chores and responsibilities. All my children are active on the farm from cleaning out grainbins to operating farm machinery like swathers and combines in the field. It is for this reason that I have my greatest concerns regarding the Bipole III monstrosities on our lands. Our Family alone has 8 quarters that would be affected by this proposal. There is an increased Risk that would be present at those locations where Manitoba Hydro intends to locate these Structures and therefore an increased risk to my employees and family. Who will compensate us if there is an accident or even worse if somebody gets hurt. Who will insure us for that?

When my parents purchased the farm, the previous owner had signed an agreement with Manitoba Hydro for a 1 time payment of \$ 60 for every 2 pole Structure. This is an AC line to the US which goes past our main farm yard and several more going through our fields that we have to negotiate around every pass over the field. Our equipment has become larger over the years which makes it even more difficult to farm our land.

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If we would just have to pass once or twice per year around these Poles but we can say that that is no longer the case for example:

Number of Passes on field:

- 1. seeding**
- 2. spraying herbicide sometimes 2x (depending on weeds present and control)**
- 3. spraying fungicide (depending on diseases present)**
- 4. spraying Insecticide (depending on insects and level of infestation)**
- 5. desiccating crop (not always)**
- 6. Swathing**
- 7. Combining**
- 8. Cultivating**
- 9. Harrowing**
- 10. Ditching**
- 11. Fall-fertilizing**
- 12. Aerial applications are limited b/c of increased time spend on field with poles**

Nobody even realizes the amount of extra time it takes to go around these poles re-setting GPS and trying to come close enough to control the weeds without coming into contact with the poles all while being under time pressure to get the field done.

The added time , fuel , fertilizer, chemical and effort come out of our pockets.

There have been some close calls with accidental contact to Poles on our land as well as our neighbors.

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There definitely is an annual cost for us to farm around those poles and there is no compensation for the increased costs that we incur . Or does anybody think \$ 60 paid out over 40 years ago would cover our cost that we have to carry annually?

My 70 year old mother this year had to once again load up her backpack sprayer with Herbicide drive to the Poles and manually spray to control the weeds between the 2 pole line as she has done for over 30 years with no compensation from Manitoba Hydro. Does that seem fair to you?

In 2005 Manitoba Hydro wanted to put a fibre optic cable underneath the existing Pole Structure on our land to increase their profit using the right of way that was signed in 1968 by the previous owner and did so without consent or compensation to our family.

Then in 2010 once again Manitoba Hydro contacted us that they were going to destroy the trees in my mothers yard not just growing underneath the Poles but growing in the vicinity of the Poles. Although after negotiation agreed to cut them back and replant shrubs to replace the damage. The trees were cut however no low-growing shrubs have been replanted to this date.

However when we needed to move our hydro pole in our yard to provide power to our house and shed an earlier estimate about 12years ago was \$2,000 to over \$12,000 last year yet our house or shed have not moved. Why is it that Manitoba Hydro can raise prices and be compensated for their time and effort and we as farmers can't.

So I hope that this Commission realizes that Manitoba Hydro does not operate in good faith and once you sign this agreement land owners are out of luck. Manitoba Hydro along with this NDP Government do not care about farmers.

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That is why I find it unconscionable by Manitoba Hydro to put this Bipole III line through the most cultivated and productive land in the whole province when there is less productive land available.

Another grave concern for us is that this Bipole III line would also be located exactly 2 1/2 miles south of the Z Dyke (the side that floods). By the way all our land where Manitoba Hydro want to put this line was under water in 1997 and we were evacuated. Why would this even be considered. How can this make sense with that much power going through those lines it just seems very dangerous and careless.

Even if I understood why this Bipole III line needs to come on the south of Winnipeg, how it can be justified to impose on us farmers to incur these increased cost annually without being compensated to make a living to feed our families.

(Map 88 and 89 Houses, Barns, and Structures)

This Bipole III line will change the way we can farm our land not only for the rest of our lives, our childrens lives and many generations to come.

How is a one time payment fair and adequate to compensate us?



Bipole III Transmission Project

Project Infrastructure

- Final Preferred Route
- Converter Station
- Load Study Area

Infrastructure

- Transmission Line

Structures

- Barn
- House
- Tower

Landbase

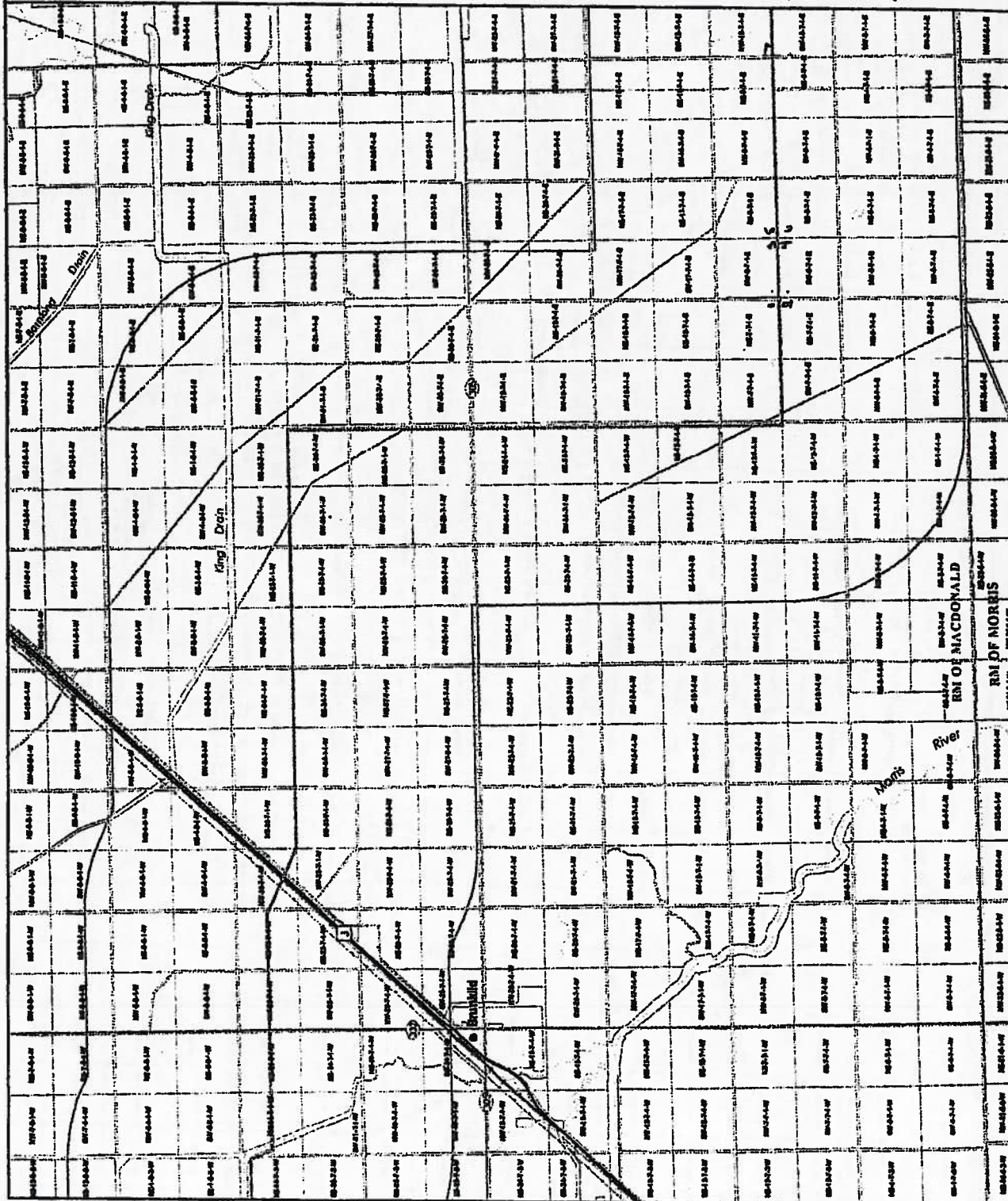
- Community
- City/Town
- Rural Municipality
- First Nation
- National/Provincial Park
- Wildlife Management Area

Coordinate System: UTM Zone 18N
 Data Source: Manitoba Hydro, MIRA, Statistics Canada, NRCAN
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**Houses, Barns,
And Structures
Within 270 Metres Of The
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Map 06





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