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Dear Clean Environment Commission,

We are writing this letter to express our concerns with the impending Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission line. To begin, the initial route was to go right through the middle of our 14 acres. And we were not even formally notified of this, we found out by accident, through neighborhood discussion. When we discussed this with MB Hydro we were told that a pamphlet had been mailed to everyone affected; this pamphlet was actually in the form of a flyer, the type that you throw away thinking it's just more MB Hydro propaganda, not a formal letter addressed to us.

After attending the meetings that were finally setup to discuss with the public the route selection, after some time had gone by we received a package addressed to us, that showed the new preferred route which was now going around us; barely; but still affecting our neighbors and neighborhood.

While we are relieved this route is no longer going through our yard, we will still be in the vicinity of the towers, as will many of our friends and neighbors. I know several people have questioned why this not being is routed further east, where it would not affect homeowners. It could go through the Sandilands Provincial Park even. It is interesting to see Hydro's take on this, and what they are trying to portray to the public; sending out a video of the 'proposed route' which leads one to believe that it will go through forest and farmer's fields, not showing the properties along the way that will be affected. We find this to be a disgusting way to try and gain the public's nod of approval and avoid people coming forward and raising concerns of these gigantic towers now running in and around their properties. This will not only affect home owner's property values and quality of life, but any farmers who rely on their property for farming, be it planting or cattle. No to mention the property owners who had purchased their property with the intention to subdivide for their future generation, and will no longer be able to do that. Health risks are also a concern, as there is no scientific data that proves that these hydro lines are not putting people's health at risk when in close contact. I know first-hand of several families in the area who live next to an existing hydro path and who have developed cancer and died.

Another question that we have for Manitoba Hydro is why? Why is this project even going ahead? We have been told that Manitoba Hydro will be selling power to the United States at a loss; they will make no money from this. Does that make any sense? It will put hardship on homeowners, raise Manitoban's rates, and further put Manitoba Hydro in dept. Just so they don't have to renege on this deal. It is incredibly disturbing the way this company is being run and the decisions that are being made.

We sincerely hope that your commission advises Hydro to scrap this project, or run this line along existing routes, or through a more eastern path through uninhabited areas that are not affecting communities.

Sincerely

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