

**PRE-HEARING MEETING #2
CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION PROCEEDING
MANITOBA MINNESOTA TRANSMISSION PROJECT
April 18, 2017
10:00 AM
WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE
REPORT TO PARTIES**

Hearing Schedule

- A Preliminary Hearing Schedule was circulated and reviewed.

Process Guidelines - Highlights

- Some Process Guidelines respecting Public Hearings were highlighted including Communication with the Panel, Transcripts, Conduct of the Hearings, Truth in Proceedings and Swearing In, Time Limits for Presentations, and Adjournments.
- Some Practice Directions were also highlighted including Party Status, Order of Proceedings, Disclosure of Witnesses and Questioning.
- Participants were advised to review the Tip Sheets in Appendix B
- Participants were also advised to review the Code of Conduct.
- All Parties are expected to be familiar with the Hearing Directive, with the Process Guidelines, including the Practice Directions, and with the Code of Conduct and to abide by their directions.

Important Matters

- The Secretary spoke to a number of important administrative matters including the need for electronic copies of submissions and presentations, computers and AV equipment, labelling flash drives and other materials, making copies of presentations available to the CEC staff at the start of the day, transcripts, and the numbers of copies required. Fifty (50) copies of presentations will be required.

Other Issues

- Order of Appearance: A list was circulated showing the order of appearance for opening statements, questioning and closing statements. The participants were reminded that the panel was open to a participant swapping their position on the order list with that of another participant, as long as the secretary is advised of the change.
- The Commission undertook to advise participants regarding written submissions in support of opening and closing statements. The panel has considered this matter. It

has been the Commission's practice to accept, along with oral opening remarks and closing arguments, written materials in support of those statements including a copy of the comments. This panel will continue that practice. The material may be distributed before or following the oral presentation.

- Information Request Dispute:
 - The Chair summarized issues raised by Manitoba Wildlands regarding a dispute about responses to information requests between The Southeast Stakeholders Coalition (SCC) and Manitoba Hydro (Hydro).
 - The Chair advised the participants of the following regarding the issues raised by Manitoba Wildlands:
 - It is the Commission's impression that the exchanges between SCC and Hydro are within the procedure for disputes as outlined on page 33 of the Commission's Process Guidelines Regarding Public Hearings
 - The chart, as completed by SCC and Hydro will become part of the record.
 - The SSC, nor any other stakeholder, will be afforded additional opportunities for follow-up and or clarification requests.
 - There is no timetable as to when responses are to be supplied by the proponent as long as the deadline date is met.
 - The process related to the handling of disputes, as outlined in the information request practice direction, has been made available to all participants since the beginning of the IR process. The Commission is not aware of any other disputes arising from information requests.
 - Considerable discussion ensued and the panel further considered the matter. The chair advised the participants that the panel encouraged the SSC and Hydro to resolve the matter of the adequacy of some responses. If they are not able to do so, they could refer the outstanding dispute to the panel who would determine the matter in a summary fashion.
 - The chair also clarified that it was the period for submitting information requests and providing responses to those requests that had passed.

Conclusion

The Chair spoke of the productivity of the process thus far and into the future, thanked the participants and said that the panel looked forward to seeing everyone in May.