

St. Vital Transmission Complex COMMENT SHEET

August 2013

1. How did you hear about this Open House event? (Check all that apply.)

- Postcard Newspaper Website
 Letter Word of mouth Other

2. Do you live/work near an alternative route (optional)? Yes No
Where? _____

3. Do you have any concerns regarding the alternative routes? Yes No

(Note: Please indicate locations of concerns on maps provided.)

4. Are there any specific sites that you think Manitoba Hydro should be aware of along or near the proposed alternative routes? Yes No

5. What are your predominant concerns regarding this Project? (Check all that apply. Please explain your concerns below.)

- Access to the right-of-way Health & safety issues Impact on wetlands
 Aesthetics of the line Location of the line Impact on wildlife/birds
 Impact on agricultural activities Property issues Construction of the line
 Reclamation considerations Economic considerations Protection of vegetation
 Other:

6. Do you have any recommendations for Manitoba Hydro on minimizing/mitigating any potential effects of the Project? Yes No

7. What do you think of the EPRI methodology that was used in determining the alternative routes?

- Very Appropriate Not Appropriate
 Somewhat Appropriate Don't Know

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Total attendees: 125

Numbers of attendees:

- Dominion City: 38 (estimated)
- Mitchell: 43
- Winnipeg: 33
- Oak Bluff: 11

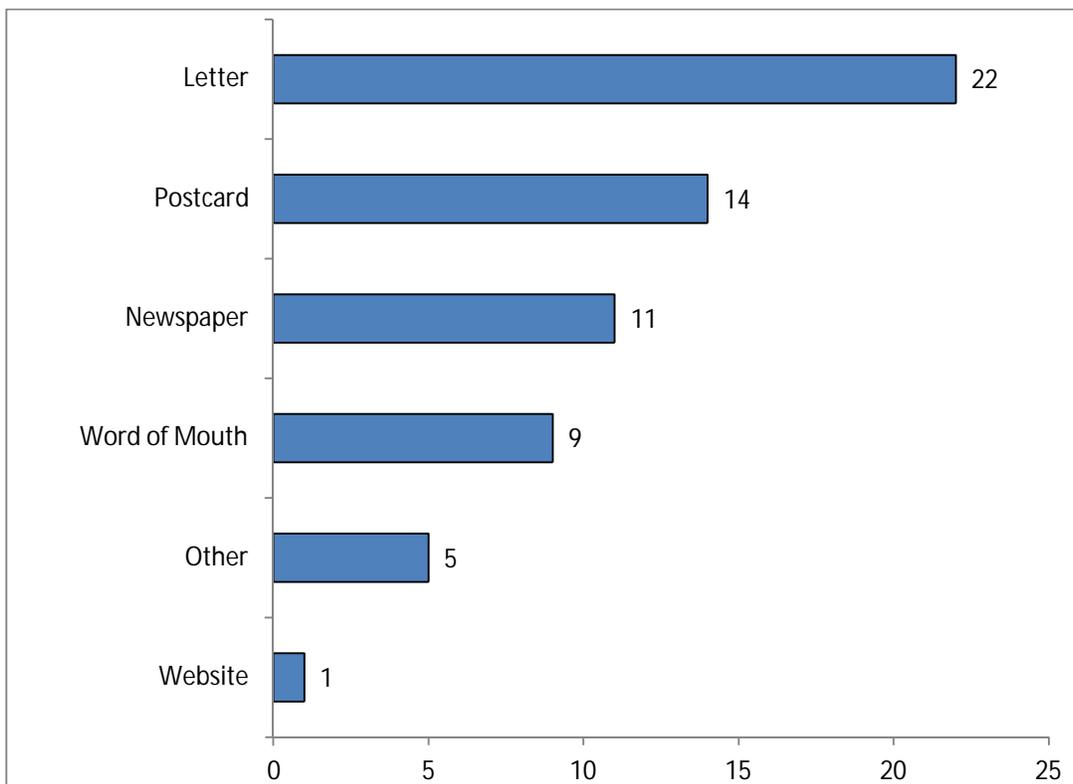
Response rate

In total 49 surveys were received from people who attended the Open House event.

Respondent Profile

Attendees were asked how they heard about the open house, as figure 1 below shows, the majority of people heard about the event from a letter (22 respondents) while 14 attendees said they received a postcard and 11 people heard about it through reading about it in a newspaper.

Figure 1 – How Attendees Heard About the Open House



Base= 50 (Figure totals more than 50 as respondents could give more than one answer)

- The majority of respondents lived near an alternative route – 36 out of 50 said this.

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- When asked if they had any concerns regarding the alternative routes, 37 respondents said that they did (only one respondent, who said that they lived near an alternative route said that they did not have any concerns).
 - Key Concerns:
 - Agricultural Concerns – *“The west line (south of 52) runs through prime agriculture land and is close to farms, seeding, spraying and air application are impacted.”*
 - Tingle Voltage – *“Tingle voltage is a huge concern.”*
 - Locating it in an aerial applicator zone *“You're putting it in a flood zone and aerial applicator zone.”*
 - Visual impacts; and
 - Loss of land.

Alternative routes

When asked if there was any specific sites that Manitoba Hydro should be aware of along the proposed alternative routes, 24 respondents said that there were and 16 said that there were not (the remaining respondents did not give an answer).

- Specific locations given:
 - Generally by any residences;
 - Sage Creek Walking trails;
 - Sewer lagoons;
 - Mature shelterbelts of trees; and
 - Tourond Discovery Centre.

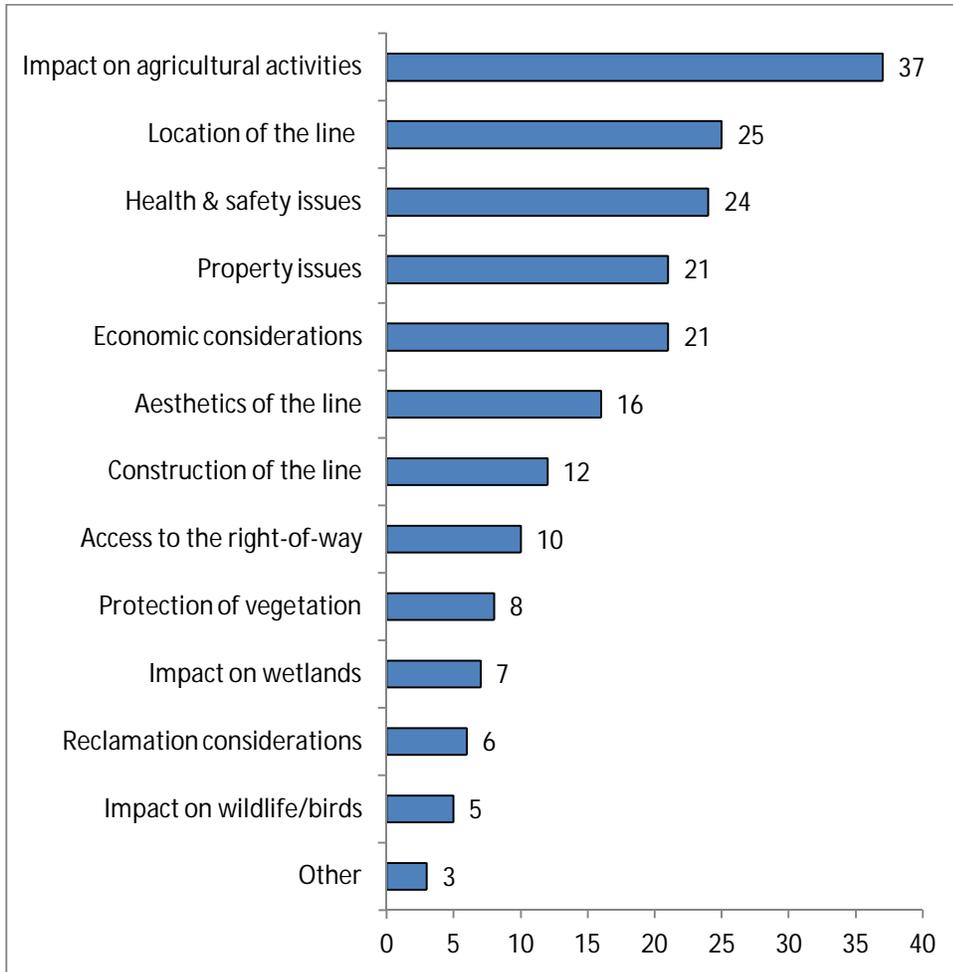
Concerns about the Project

Respondents were asked to select all the concerns they had about the project, these are shown in Figure 2 below.

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Figure 2 – Concerns about the Project



Base=50 (respondents could give more than one answer)

As this shows, the biggest concern is impacts on agricultural activities (mentioned by 37 respondents), the location of the line (25 respondents) and health and safety issues (24 respondents).

When asked if they had any recommendations for Manitoba Hydro regarding mitigating/minimizing any potential effects of the project, 28 attendees said that they did.

- Suggestions for mitigation/minimizing effects
 - Go further east (east of IDC);
 - Put cables underground;
 - Locate lines along existing roads;
 - Minimize tower height in agricultural areas;
 - Move it further west; and

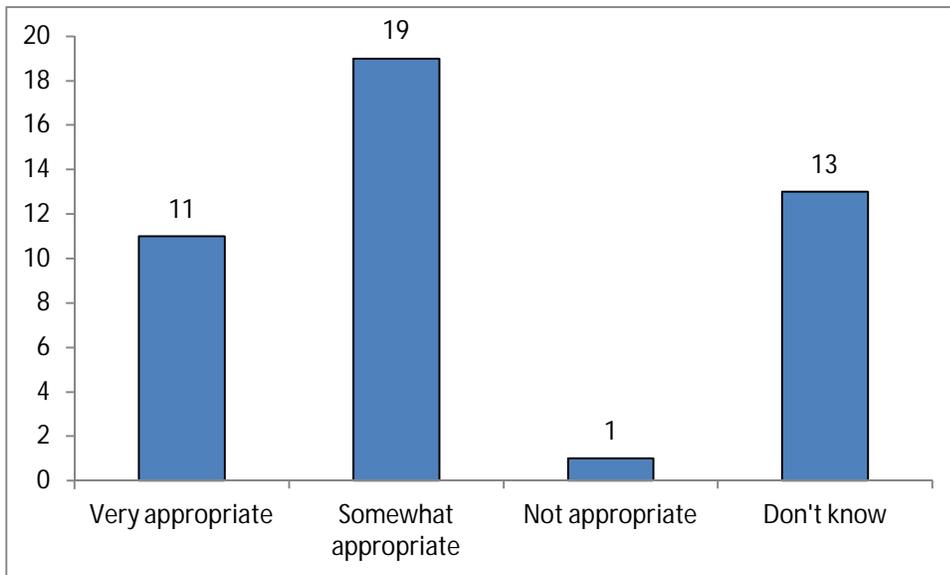
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- No construction work during crop season.

Figure 3 below shows people's opinions on the appropriateness of the EPRI methodology used to determine the alternative routes; the majority of respondents thought that the methodology was either very or somewhat appropriate (30 respondents out of 44).

Figure 3 – Opinions on EPRI Methodology



Base= 44

Attendees were given a list of factors to rank in terms of their prioritization when it comes to siting the transmission line. Table 1 below shows the order of priority that respondents felt the factors should be given.

Ranking #	Factor
1	Parallel to existing transmission infrastructure
2	Follow existing roadways
3	Follow existing rail lines
4	Follow mile (Section) lines
5	Avoid forest and natural areas, e.g. wildlife management areas
6	Follow half-mile (quarter section) lines
7	Follow existing drainage ditches
8	Follow undeveloped roadways

(Overall ranking is based on greatest number of #1 rankings)

In addition to the answers given above six respondents gave "other" answers. This included two people who said that agricultural land should be avoided and said that this was the most important priority for siting the hydro lines.

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Overall Comments

Finally, respondents were asked what general comments they had about the project. Some of these are noted below:

- Concerns over effects on farm land and agricultural practices:
 - *“Dairy cows are extremely tingle voltage sensitive. This can have a very substantial economic impact on an operation due to the effects on animal welfare and thereby animal health.”*
 - *“Will farmers be affected where they use aircraft for crop dusting and spraying?”*
 - *“This line will impact my farming practices along with the Bi Pole III. My way of farming will never be the same.”*
- Health and safety concerns;
 - *“Wherever you do a 90 degree turn in the line, residents face multiple exposures... Please go underground. Protect our health.”*
 - *“[I am] interested in reviewing the studies associated to this project for insight/gain more knowledge. Concerned about magnetic fields; increase in wireless devices; overall impact to health and safety.”*
- Make sure all of the community benefits from the project;
 - *“ATVMB has no position as to where the line is established. Our interest would be to have a multi-use trail that ORVs could use. There would be good value to the greater community as all user groups would need to develop a healthy working relationship.”*
- Gratitude for holding the open house
 - *“Thanks for putting this on. The people walking around were very helpful and patient answering our questions.”*

Key Words

Words	Frequency (Number of times appearing in Open House Comment Sheets)
a. Highway	11 (highway 59- 6 mentions, Highway 75 and Highway 23 – 2 mentions Each and Highway 201 – 1 mention.)
b. health	6 (5 human health, 1 animal (cow) health)
c. avoid	4 (avoid future problems, avoid sensitive dairy production facilities, avoid residential homes, avoid agricultural lands)
d. dairy farm	4
e. tingle voltage	3
f. Livestock	3
g. Environment	3
h. spraying	2
i. view /viewshed	2
j. water concern /wet area	2
k. aerial applicator/spraying	4
l. agricultural	1
m. property value	1
n. equipment	1
o. Roads	1
p. airstrip	0
q. cemetery	0
r. EMF	0

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s.	Habitat	0
t.	hog barn	0
u.	irrigation	0
v.	land use	0