What is it?
The Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP) is a transmission line that would send electricity to the United States and allow Manitoba Hydro to receive electricity during emergencies.

Why do we need it?
The transmission line would improve the Manitoba Hydro system as well as allow Manitoba Hydro to sell more power to the United States.

What will it look like?
Towers would be around 40 to 60 metres (m) or 130 to 200 feet (ft) in height and would need a right-of-way of 80 to 100 m or 260 to 330 ft.

What is an environmental impact statement?
Manitoba Hydro will look at what effects the project might cause to the environment and how to avoid or lessen those effects. This information will be put in a report and provided to the government.

When will it be built?
If approved, Manitoba Hydro plans to start construction in 2017 and finish the work in 2020.

How will we protect the environment?
Manitoba Hydro will look at potential effects the project might have and will document ways to avoid or lessen potential effects to people and the environment. The project team will work with feedback and determine ways to protect the environment if the project is built.

How does your feedback help?
Feedback we get will help the project team in determining where the line will be placed and will help in understanding the potential effects the project may have on people and the environment.

How are we working with First Nations and Metis?
Manitoba Hydro is working with First Nations and Metis to include traditional knowledge in the environmental assessment process. The knowledge shared will help determine potential effects of the project on the environment and will help determine ways to lessen or avoid those potential effects.

Who decides if the project is built?
The report will be reviewed by the government of Canada (National Energy Board) and the Province of Manitoba. They will then decide if the project will be approved. They will start looking at our report in summer 2015.