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Dear James Matthewson:

**Re: Environmental Audit Date Extension - Environment Act Licence No. 3055**

Thank you for your letter dated September 24, 2024, requesting an extension of the second audit date for the Bipole III transmission project as licensed by Environment Act Licence No. 3055 (Licence).

According to Clause 63 of the Licence, a third-party environmental audit must be repeated five years after the first audit. Because vegetation management activities are on a five-to-ten-year cycle, the vegetation maintenance program will not be complete before the second audit deadline. The intended purpose of the audit cannot be fulfilled without this program completed.

I hereby approve your request for an extension of the second audit date until December 31, 2025. All other terms and conditions of the Licence will remain in effect.

Anyone affected by this decision may appeal in writing, with reasoning, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change at [minecc@manitoba.ca](mailto:minecc@manitoba.ca).

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Cristal Huculak, Regional Supervisor, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch, at [EnvCENorth@gov.mb.ca](mailto:EnvCENorth@gov.mb.ca) or 204-620-5797.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
Agnes Wittmann  
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The Environment Act

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