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**ELECTRIC GENERAL RATE APPLICATION 2015****Manitoba Hydro Undertaking #11****Manitoba Hydro to report back on landowner expropriations.****Response:**

There are 450 private lands to be acquired in order to construct the Bipole III 500kV HVDC Transmission Line. As of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Manitoba Hydro has secured 353 voluntary easement agreements with landowners along the route, or over three-quarters of the privately-owned property required along the line.

Where voluntary easement agreements were not secured, Manitoba Hydro began an expropriation of property to obtain the remaining private lands. The expropriation process began in the fall of 2014 and Manitoba Hydro took possession of all required lands as of March 30, 2015. Landowners originally refusing have had the opportunity to accept a voluntary easement up to the middle of May 2015.

The amount of private lands not secured by voluntary easement (97 private lands) is not uncommon for a linear infrastructure project the size of Bipole III. For comparison, AltaLink's WATL (Western Alberta Transmission Line) 500kV Transmission Line required expropriations for 85 of 400 privately owned lands.

Therefore, Manitoba Hydro is satisfied with the number of voluntary easements that were obtained.