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Dear Mr. Kipkiss

Re: St. Paul Transmission Project

Thank you for attending a meeting at our Council Chambers on March 16, 2011. It was nice to have the opportunity to hear about the project outside of an open house. Based on the discussion that we had at that meeting, County Council would like to bring to your attention some of our concerns regarding your decisions and process around the building of this Transmission Line in the St. Paul area.

First we would like to ensure that we have continued opportunity to participate in your consultation process as you progress in this project. As well we would hope that in future meetings that you may have someone from your land department available to answer some of our questions pertaining to compensation for landowners etc.

Second we have some concerns regarding the actual construction phase of this project. We would like to ensure that the County's policy regarding Washing of Equipment is followed. Please find a copy of that policy attached to this letter for your information. In addition, we have a concern regarding who's responsibility it is to ensure that there is weed control in your Right-of-Way and would like to have this clarified. In regards to pole placement, we would like to see that they are placed on private property as much as possible to limit the effect to the County's Right-of-Way where poles run along our municipal road allowances. Also where the transmission line runs along a municipal road, consideration from ATCO to ensure that if the County does not already have a 30 meter Right-of-Way, ATCO will purchase ensuring that the poles are well off the municipal road if road upgrade is required in the future. As well the County is concerned as to the height of lines that would cross a municipal road. We want to ensure that this height is appropriate so as to not restrict the movement of heavy farm and other types of equipment down that stretch of road.

Finally, the County would like to ensure that once a route is chosen that we can analyze the potential roads that are affected by the route to ensure that we have the opportunity to assess the roads and if necessary construct/upgrade the roads prior to the construction of your line. This of course would be based on budgetary ability and Council's approval to build these roads.

The County looks forward to ensuring this projects success as we acknowledge the importance of safe, reliable and cost effective delivery of electricity to our region.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kitz, CLGM
Chief Administrative Officer