

Summary of Issues

Brandon Dispatchable Capacity Project

The Summary of Issues outlines the key issues that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) considers relevant for the federal impact assessment process for the Brandon Dispatchable Capacity Project (the project). The proponent's response to the Summary of Issues will support decision-making by IAAC on whether an impact assessment is required under section 16 of the *Impact Assessment Act*. If an impact assessment is required, the key issues outlined below and the proponent's response will inform the scope of the impact assessment, and the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and plans, as appropriate.

IAAC was informed by input from federal authorities, Indigenous groups, and the public received to date on the proponent's Summary of the Initial Project Description. The proponent is encouraged to read all submission on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the project (Reference Number [90571](#)).

The proponent is required to describe how it intends to address the key issues identified below as part of the development of its project. A high-level description is sufficient. Where relevant, the proponent is encouraged to identify if the key issues will be addressed through existing legislative and regulatory frameworks (i.e. legislation or regulation), by proponent commitments to best practices, policies or standards, or both.

Key issues

Fish and fish habitat

- Concern regarding potential effects to fish and fish habitat, including from construction related activities such as noise, in-water works, horizontal direction drilling and water withdrawals.
- Concern about the project's water source, quantify anticipated water demands during construction and operation, and assess associated impacts on fish and fish habitat, other aquatic species and vegetation, and Section 35 rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes

- Concern regarding potential effects of the natural gas pipeline, including effects to wildlife, species at risk and Indigenous Peoples' current use, access, sites of cultural importance, and socio-economic conditions.
- Concern regarding mitigation measures and anticipated residual effects of the project on Indigenous Peoples' current use of lands and resources for traditional

purposes, physical and cultural heritage, and sites and things of historical, archaeological, paleontological, or architectural significance.

- Concern regarding potential effects on wildlife, including biodiversity, movement and habitat, species of cultural importance, migratory birds, and any resulting impacts on Indigenous traditional practices.

Indigenous Peoples' health and well-being or economic conditions

- Concern about the potential effects on Indigenous Peoples' health, social, and economic conditions, including baseline socioeconomic status, mitigation measures, and opportunities and benefits to Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous Peoples' rights

- Concern regarding the process for assessing the project's impacts on Section 35 rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Concern regarding the potential effects to Section 35 rights of Indigenous Peoples from effects to vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat, fish and fish habitat, areas of importance, and water quantity and quality.
- Concern regarding how the project's contribution to cumulative effects on Indigenous Peoples' rights will be assessed and how Indigenous Knowledge will be incorporated into the assessment.