

1 Q. (Reference 2017 GRA Volume I, page 1.12, 1.2.5) Is the Bipole Transmission  
2 Reliability Project under the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Utilities Board? Was that  
3 project approved by the Manitoba Utilities Board? Are the Bipole assets included in  
4 Manitoba Hydro's rate base?

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7 A. Hydro's understanding is as follows:

8 • The Manitoba Utilities Board has the jurisdiction to establish customer rates  
9 to provide recovery of the costs of the Bipole Transmission Reliability Project  
10 (Bipole III). The Manitoba Utilities Board did not approve the Bipole III  
11 project; it was approved by the Province of Manitoba.

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13 • The Manitoba Utilities Board does not apply a return on rate base  
14 methodology in determining revenue requirement for Manitoba Hydro.  
15 Therefore, the establishment of rate base and return on rate base is not a  
16 component in determining revenue requirement.