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Ms. Patricia J. Ramage
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Dear Ms. Ramage:

RE: Independent Expert Consultants and Their Access to Manitoba Hydro Staff and Information

The Terms of Reference for the NFAT Review require the PUB Panel to establish a process for the thorough review of any information that the panel determines to be relevant to the conduct of the NFAT, including Commercially Sensitive Information. To conduct the thorough review, the PUB Panel will be assisted by Manitoba Hydro Staff, Board Staff and Advisors, Intervenors and their consultants and by Independent Expert Consultants.

To ensure the Independent Expert Consultants have direct and immediate access to the information that they require, the PUB Panel requires a list of Manitoba Hydro's primary Staff contacts in the following general areas: load forecasting; MISO marketplace; demand side management and energy efficiency; power resource planning and economic evaluation; construction management and capital costs; transmission line construction and management; environmental issues; socio-economic issues and business case development and risk assessment.

To enhance efficiencies, Independent Expert Consultants may have questions of Manitoba Hydro Staff throughout the NFAT Review including questions during the Technical Conferences, written email requests, through Information Requests as well as possible face to face meetings and telephone calls.

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All Independent Expert Consultants will be required to execute the Non-Disclosure Agreement in respect of Commercially Sensitive Information.

The Manitoba Public Utilities Board will provide Manitoba Hydro (and all Parties) with its list of Independent Experts once the retainers are finalized.

Yours truly,

“ORIGINAL SIGNED BY”

Hollis Singh
Secretary

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cc : R.F. Peters, Board Counsel