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VIA E-MAIL

Manitoba Public Utilities Board
400 - 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4

Attention: Kurt Simonsen
Associate Secretary

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Green Action Centre's Budget
Our File No. 17161 WSG

Green Action Centre provided to the Public Utilities Board its list of issues that it was most interested in by letter to Mr Simonsen dated June 8th 2017. In response to the Board's direction in Board Order 70/17, I am providing the intention of Green Action Centre regarding evidence and the role that Green Action Centre intends to take on the various issues.

1. 2017 interim rate request. Green Action Centre will file its brief and will participate in the oral hearing on July 18th.
2. Rate increases and rate impacts (immediate and over time), especially on lower-income residential customers. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues.
3. Financial targets and capital structure. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may

file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues. Risks will be reviewed in the context of rate increase pacing, rate design, affordability and DSM.

4. Export Revenues. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues.
5. Load Forecast. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues. GAC wishes to review domestic utilization prospects and strategies affecting load (e.g. electrification of transportation).
6. Regulatory Deferral Accounts. Green Action Centre is interested in the DSM Deferral Account. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues.
7. Bill Affordability. . Green Action Centre will take a lead role on these issues. Green Action Centre will be filing evidence from Resource Insight Inc. Green Action Centre has been in discussion with other participants regarding collaboration.
8. Rate Design. Green Action Centre will take a lead role on these issues. Green Action Centre will be filing evidence from Resource Insight Inc. GAC has long-standing concerns that rate designs be optimized for both efficiency and affordability. Green Action Centre has been in discussion with other participants regarding collaboration.
9. DSM. Green Action Centre will not take a lead role on these issues. It does expect that Information Requests may be filed, that our experts may file evidence and that cross examination of other parties may be undertaken on these issues. GAC is interested in most sub-topics under DSM. We recognize DSM as an alternative to generation and a mitigation measure for customers. Also relevant are DSM policies and planning in relation to implementation of Bill 19, The Efficiency Manitoba Act, which provides for the divestment of DSM to a new crown corporation.
10. Diesel Zone. Bill reduction of Diesel Zone rates may be addressed by Green Action Centre under the topics of Bill Affordability and Rate Design.
11. Risk Analysis. Green Action Centre will address this issue under the topics of Rate Design and Affordability and DSM.

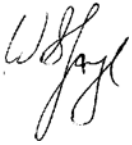
Budget

I am attaching the budget of Research Insight Inc that sets a value of \$119,501 for its participation in this hearing. I am also attaching the budget of my firm that sets a value of \$158,369.50. The total budget for Green Action Centre is \$277,870.50.

Yours very truly,

GANGE COLLINS HOLLOWAY

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WSG', written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM S. GANGE

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Attachment