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Kurt Simonsen
Associate Secretary
Public Utilities Board of Manitoba
400 – 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0C4

Dear Mr. Simonsen:

RE: MANITOBA HYDRO 2017/18 AND 2018/19 GRA – CITY OF WINNIPEG – APPLICATION FOR INTERVENOR STATUS

Manitoba Hydro is in receipt of the July 31, 2017 Application for Intervenor status of the City of Winnipeg (the “City”).

Manitoba Hydro notes that the City was involved in all meetings of legal counsel which were held prior to Manitoba Hydro filing its General Rate Application on May 5, 2017. On April 7, 2017, the City of Winnipeg advised that it was it would seek Intervenor status if Time of Use rates were to be within scope. The City’s application for Intervenor status however, does not appear to limit its intervention to this issue.

The City has not identified the topics it intends to address as identified in the Public Utilities Board Procedural Order 70/17. There is no indication that that the information which The City of Winnipeg proposes to bring to the process will not be brought forward through other interventions. Manitoba Hydro notes that all issues identified as in-scope are being reviewed and tested through the PUB and the eight approved Intervenors already in place. It appears that any Intervention by the City of Winnipeg would be duplicative of the efforts of other Intervenors.

The reason identified by the City for the proposed intervention is the impact of the proposed rate increases. It is fully expected that the PUB will be provided a vast amount of evidence regarding impacts to various customers and sectors by the current group of approved Intervenors. Manitoba Hydro believes that the City of Winnipeg can comment on the impacts of the rate increases through a Presentation on days to be scheduled by the PUB and that the City should be afforded Presenter status.

Should you have any questions with respect to the forgoing, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at 204-360-3946.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW SERVICES

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