

P.U.B Presentation Jan.5, 2018 re: Manitoba Rate Increase for 2018 &19

Afternoon,

My name is John Greenaway and I am here to voice my concern with all of these increases in Hydro rates. I will make this presentation short and right to the point.

I find that the proposed increases are outlandish and insulting to the citizens of Manitoba as they are above the cost of living and also they are above what an employer may give in wage increases in a year, which is on average 3 percent.

They are also higher than the cost of living which is the only increase a person on fixed incomes may get.

Here is a list of rate increases that Man. Hydro has gotten since 2008 – 2013 and 2015 – present as well as their rate increase request.

2008 - 5.00

2009 - 2.9

2010 - 1.9

2011 - 2.00

2012 - 2.00 Apr. 1

2012 - 2.5 Sept. 1 Please note total for 2012 – 4.5

2013 - 3.5

2015 - 2.75

2017 - 3.67

And now requesting 7.9 for next 3 years which would be laughable if it were not insulting. Just the requested rates if approved would total up to over 21 percent which if a person gets 3 percent avg. increase each year would be 9 percent in same 3 years and if cost of living stays at roughly 2 percent would total out to 6 percent which would place the requested rate increase 12 percent higher than wage earners and 15 percent higher for persons on fixed incomes (pensioners etc.)

My feeling is that given that Manitoba Hydro has a Monopoly on Hydro in Manitoba and have been receiving increases on the most part at between 2 and 3 percent and that they now wish an 21 percent increase

over a 3 year period that they be given the request of 21 percent BUT over a 7 year period thus saving having to keep coming back in front of this board yearly asking for an rate increase.

I feel that the people of Manitoba could accept this compromise.

Thank you for your time.