

March 17, 2017

BY EMAIL

Mr. Greg Barnlund
Manager, Rates & Regulatory Affairs
Manitoba Hydro
360 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 2P4

Dear Mr. Barnlund:

Re: Manitoba Hydro's Intentions in Respect of 2017 Rate Application(s)

In Public Utilities Board ("Board") Order 59/16 the Board directed Manitoba Hydro to file a General Rate Application by no later than December 1, 2016 to allow for possible adjustment of consumer rates on August 1, 2017.

In that same Order, the Board indicated that if Manitoba Hydro was seeking revised consumer rates effective April 1, 2017, then its General Rate Application was to be filed no later than September 1, 2016.

Manitoba Hydro advised the Board by way of the attached letter dated November 29, 2016 that the Utility was not in a position to file its rate application by December 1, 2016 because it was developing financial forecasts that addressed the risks and considered the conclusions in the review commissioned by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. Manitoba Hydro indicated it would advise the Board in early 2017 as to the status of the development of its next rate application.

The Board requests Manitoba Hydro provides notice as to its intentions with respect to filing a General Rate Application with the Board in 2017. This notice will be beneficial for planning purposes and will allow for efficiencies in the Application process. Specifically, Manitoba Hydro is requested to:

1. Provide the expected date of the filing of Manitoba Hydro's next General Rate Application;
2. Set out Manitoba Hydro's key issues and material changes from its last General Rate Application;

3. Confirm that Manitoba Hydro's next rate application will include updated and revised information in response to all the Minimum Filing Requirements that were issued in respect of Manitoba Hydro's 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application and Manitoba Hydro's Supplemental Filing for Interim Electric Rates effective April 1, 2016;
4. State whether Manitoba Hydro has initial preferences or recommendations as to process and procedural matters including whether it would be expedient and efficient to consider:
 - additional MFRs from Parties so as to minimize Information Requests;
 - workshop(s) in advance of the filing of the next rate application to identify and explain Manitoba Hydro's key issues;
 - technical conferences at which Manitoba Hydro would explain technical issues to the Parties in lieu of Information Requests;
 - Information Request processes;
 - whether non-key issues can be addressed with written evidence and written submissions only; and
 - any other process and procedural suggestions to be considered at a Pre-Hearing Conference with all parties invited.

The Board requests Manitoba Hydro's response to the matters raised in this letter by **March 27, 2017**. Manitoba Hydro's response should also be copied to the same Parties who are copied on this letter. Thank you for your expected compliance.

Yours truly,

"Original Signed By:"

Darren Christle, MPA, B.A., CCLP, P.Log., MCIT
Secretary/Executive Director

cc. All Interveners of Past Record
Bob Peters, Board Counsel
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