

August 25, 2017

Ms. Denise Pambrun
The City of Winnipeg
3rd Floor, 185 King Street
Winnipeg MB R3B 1J1

-and-

Approved Interveners
(per attached list)

**Re: Manitoba Hydro 2017/18 & 2018/19 General Rate Application – City of Winnipeg
Request to Intervene**

On July 31, 2017, the Public Utilities Board (“**Board**”) received an Intervener Request form from the City of Winnipeg (the “**City**”). On August 2, 2017, the Board received comments from Manitoba Hydro on the City’s Application.

As the Application was filed with the Board after the date of the Pre-Hearing Conference, the Board did not adjudicate the Application in the Pre-Hearing Conference Order, Order 70/17. By this letter, the Board adjudicates the City’s Application.

The City requests Intervener status on the basis of its statement that it pays more than \$40,000,000 annually in hydro-electric bills. As such, the City says that it is in a unique position from other Interveners as the proposed rate increases for the test years will have a significant impact on the City’s budgets, which will have to be passed onto City taxpayers, who are also Manitoba Hydro ratepayers.

The City is not requesting costs as it intends to use internal counsel. It also intends to use call as a witness an internal economist. In correspondence to Board counsel, the City stated that its internal economist will provide evidence on Manitoba Hydro’s risk analysis and underlying assumptions. The City will collaborate with the Consumers Coalition to the extent possible.

The Board approves the City's intervention. The City has participated in past Manitoba Hydro proceedings before the Board, and represents a substantial interest on issues within the scope of this hearing that are not otherwise represented.

Yours truly,

"Original Signed By:"

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