

May 17, 2017

Interveners of Record
(per attached list)

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Sent by e-mail

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Dear Parties:

Re: Manitoba Hydro's Interim Rate Request and GRA Application Workshop

The Board is in receipt of Manitoba Hydro's Letter of Application (Tab 1), filed May 5, 2017, and Revenue Requirement materials, filed May 12, 2017, in respect of its 2017/18 & 2018/19 General Rate Application ("GRA").

Interim Rate Request

Included in the Letter of Application is a requested 7.9% interim rate increase to all components of the rates for all customer classes, effective August 1, 2017.

In the May 5, 2017 covering letter, Manitoba Hydro elaborates on its 7.9% interim rate increase request and proposes that the matter of an interim rate increase and associated process be addressed at the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC). Manitoba Hydro suggests it would present its position on the hearing of an interim rate increase, and the related hearing process, at the PHC. The Utility also suggests other Parties could then present their positions and Manitoba Hydro would reply.

The Board's view is that the request for an interim rate increase process by Manitoba Hydro should commence before the date of the PHC. The Board requests that the Interveners of Record provide written submissions on whether the Board should consider a request for an interim rate process and, if so, what that process should be. Submissions should be filed with the Board and copied to all Parties on the Distribution List by noon on May 26, 2017.

Manitoba Hydro will then have until June 2, 2017 to provide its Reply to the Board, and copy all Parties on the Distribution List.

Application Workshop

The Board requests that Manitoba Hydro confirm by May 19, 2017 whether the Utility will hold a Workshop on its GRA Application for other Parties to attend. Should Manitoba Hydro hold an Application Workshop, the Board expects that Intervenors will attend and provide input on an Issues list to be adjudicated at the PHC.

Yours truly,

“Original Signed By:”

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