

July 31, 2020

Ms. Patricia J. Ramage  
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Past Interveners of Record (per attached list)

**Re: Manitoba Hydro – First Nations On-Reserve Residential Customer Class**

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By letter dated June 23, 2020, Manitoba Hydro advised the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (“Board”) that, in response to the recent Manitoba Court of Appeal decision, Manitoba Hydro plans to eliminate the First Nation On-Reserve Residential (“FNORR”) customer class effective August 1, 2020. Manitoba Hydro also advised that it plans to change the rates currently being paid by the FNORR customers and Diesel Zone Residential customers by increasing the rates 6.6% to the currently approved Residential Class rate.

In the Board’s July 13, 2020 letter to Manitoba Hydro and the Parties involved in the Manitoba Hydro’s General Rate Applications, the Board indicated that pursuant its mandate, additional information was required before revised rate schedules consistent with the Court of Appeal’s decision could be approved. The Board directed Manitoba Hydro not to implement revised rate schedules on August 1, 2020.

Further to the process set out in the July 13, 2020 correspondence the Board received a written response from Manitoba Hydro to the Board’s requests for additional information and also received written comments from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Consumers’ Coalition, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, and the Manitoba Industrial Power Users Group. On July 28, 2020, the Board received further written comments from Manitoba Hydro.

The Board has reviewed the materials provided by the parties. By this letter, the Board advises that it denies Manitoba Hydro's request that the Board withdraw its directive to Manitoba Hydro to not implement revised rate schedules effective August 1, 2020. The Board's reasons regarding Manitoba Hydro's request to withdraw the directive such that Manitoba Hydro can charge the current Residential Class rate to the FNORR customers and Diesel Zone Residential customers effective August 1, 2020 will be provided in a Board Order, to be issued at the earliest opportunity.

Please address any questions of clarification you may have at this time to the attention of the writer.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Christle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darren Christle, PhD, CCLP, P. Log., MCIT  
Secretary/Executive Director

cc: Bob Peters / Dayna Steinfeld / Kate Hart, Board Counsel  
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