

INTERVENER APPLICATION FORM

Application re Hearing:			
MANITOBA HYDRO 2019/20 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION			
Name of Prospective Intervener (Organization Name or Individual):			
MANITOBA KEEWATINOWI OKIMAKANAK INC. ("MKO")			
Prospective Intervener Contact Information			
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Years of Experience	2 / 20+ Years	Tariff Rate	\$100.00 / 285.00
Also representing (if applicable):			
N/A			

Additional Information

(For organizations only) Please describe the mandate of your organization and provide a description of the membership, including the number of members. Please also confirm whether the organization's intervention in this proceeding is supported by a resolution of the governing body, if any. Please enclose the resolution, if any, with your Application, along with supporting documentation of your mandate and membership

MKO is a non-profit advocacy organization that has been in existence for more than 35 years and provides a collective voice for more than 65,000 treaty First Nation citizens in northern Manitoba.

MKO is governed by the elected Chiefs of 26 First Nations and receives its mandate by resolution of the MKO Chiefs in General Assembly. The Grand Chief, elected for a three-year term, serves as the principal spokesperson of MKO, and a regionally representative Executive Council of Chiefs provides ongoing direction between General Assemblies.

The Mission Statement of MKO is: to maintain, strengthen, enhance, lobby for and defend the interests and rights of First Nation people within its jurisdiction and to promote, develop and secure a standard quality of life deemed desirable and acceptable by its First Nations without limiting the generality of the foregoing and the objectives of MKO.

MKO explores ways to strengthen and promote the interests of First Nations in northern Manitoba with respect to all areas that affect the lives of northern First Nations' citizens.

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

All citizens of the MKO First Nations, the MKO First Nation government facilities, and all entities operated by MKO First Nations receive electrical service solely from Manitoba Hydro. These consumers are all situated in northern Manitoba. MKO is seeking to intervene in this process to ensure that the distinct interests of the MKO First Nations, entities and citizens, all in northern Manitoba, are properly considered.

Please state how you are directly affected by the Board's decision in this matter:

If approved, the proposed rate increase will directly and disproportionately affect MKO First Nations, all of which are in northern Manitoba, as the majority of MKO citizens are in the low-income category and the general service customers represented by MKO have limited, if any, ability to absorb any additional costs.

The proposed rate increase, if approved, will directly and disproportionately affect MKO in a second fashion in that many of the benefits to be generated by the increases will flow to the provincial government to be used for general purposes and MKO First Nations receive little or no direct benefit from provincial disbursements.

Please explain whether and how you represent a substantial number of ratepayers that are otherwise not represented on issues that are within the scope of this proceeding:

As stated above, MKO represents a substantial number of ratepayers: over 65,000 citizens of 26 sovereign First Nations, all in northern Manitoba.

The citizens of MKO First Nations are residential ratepayers, the majority of which are in the low-income category. The First Nation governments are general service ratepayers. The three diesel First Nations which pay electricity bills for the schools are also First Nation education rate customers.

There are no other approved interveners in this proceeding that represent residential and general service customers all of whom are in northern Manitoba.

The distinct perspective of First Nation consumers in northern Manitoba is not otherwise represented within this proceeding.

Please describe your experience, information, or expertise relevant to this matter that would contribute to the Board's decision making, including any other prior interventions in regulatory matters before this Board or other decision-makers:

MKO has regularly intervened in regulatory matters before this Board and many other decision-makers, bringing forward a distinct perspective of First Nations in northern Manitoba, and as such has experience relevant to this matter that would contribute to the Board's decision making.

Please list the key issues you intend to address in the proceeding. Please be specific.

In this proceeding, MKO intends to address the following issues:

1. Rate increase requested

- Final Approval of 3.5% Increase

2. Consultations with ratepayers and rate impacts

- MH Ratepayer Consultation Processes
- Impact of increase on consumers
- Rate impacts - Bill affordability mechanism for First Nations On Reserve Residential customer class

9. Payments to government in the test year

- Payments to government amounts in test year for major capital projects

11. Load forecast and hydrology

14. DSM Spending

- Order 59/18 Recommendations to Manitoba Hydro

17. Implementation of First Nations Residential On-Reserve Customer Class

Do you intend to participate fully and actively, including attendance at hearings, submission of evidence, and testing of evidence and cross examination of witnesses? If yes, please describe your intended participation.

MKO intends to participate fully and actively in this hearing but does not anticipate submitting evidence or calling expert witnesses. In addition, MKO anticipates coordinating with other interveners, especially but not limited to the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, to avoid duplication.

Do you intend to request an award of costs for your participation? Please explain how you meet the criteria for an award of costs.

Yes, MKO intends to submit a request for a cost award pursuant to the Board's Intervener Costs Policy for this proceeding. As stated above, MKO has a substantial interest in the outcome of the proceeding, intends to make a significant contribution to the proceeding, and intends to participate in a responsible manner, including cooperating with other interveners with common objectives.

Do you intend to retain experts or consultants? **No.** If yes, please attach copies of the *curriculum vitae* for any expert and/or consultant, as well as the following:

Expert Consultant #1:

Name:	Experience	Evidence to be provided on issues in scope:
	_____Years	
Telephone #:	Tariff Rate:	
	\$_____	
Address and Email:	Firm or Organization:	Brief explanation of experience relevant to evidence to be provided:

Expert Consultant #2:

Name:	Experience:	Evidence to be provided on issues in scope:
	_____ Years	
Telephone #:	Tariff Rate:	
	\$ _____	
Address and Email:	Firm or organization:	Brief explanation of experience relevant to evidence to be provided:
Expert Consultant #3:		
Name:	Years of Experience:	Evidence to be provided on issues in scope:
	_____ Years	
Telephone #:	Tariff Rate:	
	\$ _____	
Address and Email:	Firm or organization:	Brief explanation of experience relevant to evidence to be provided:

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Do you intend to provide evidence from witnesses other than experts and/or consultants? **No.** If yes, please provide:

Witness #1:

Name:	Evidence to be provided on issues in scope:
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Email:	Brief explanation of relevant experience and/or knowledge to issues in scope:
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Address and Phone number:	
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Do you intend to seek approval for any other form of participation or provision of evidence, including for which you intend to seek an award of costs? If yes, please provide details and an explanation of the relation to issues in scope in the proceeding.

No.