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**Re: Manitoba Hydro 2021/22 Interim Rate Application – Board Hearing Procedures**

The purpose of this letter is to advise Manitoba Hydro and Approved Interveners, of the protocols in place for the public hearings of Manitoba Hydro's 2021/22 Interim Rate Application, which are scheduled to commence on Wednesday December 1, 2021 and proceed before the Board on December 10, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2021.

The Board is continuing to exercise caution given the ongoing public health situation. Accordingly, restrictions will be in place for this public hearing.

In-person attendance in the Board's hearing room will be limited to 10. Board Panel members, staff, and counsel will be present in the hearing room. Representatives of Manitoba Hydro and the approved Interveners seeking the opportunity to attend in person should contact the Board in writing, so the Board can ensure adherence to the in-person limit.

Please note that anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e., must have had two shots of the vaccine, with the second shot no later than 14 days before the hearing start date of December 1, 2021). The Board will not be asking attendants to show proof of vaccination, but expects that anyone attending will do so in good faith, in compliance with this requirement.

Those attending the hearing in-person will be required to wear masks at all times until seated and thereafter unless they are actively speaking on the record. There will be no informal gatherings of witnesses and representatives of Interveners.

Anyone: (1) experiencing any symptoms of illness; (2) awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test or residing in a household with someone awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test; or (3) identified as a close contact of a known COVID-19 case or otherwise exposed to COVID-19 within 14 days of the date of their attendance at the hearing room is not to attend the hearing in-person, and instead participate virtually.

Anyone wanting to attend over and above the prescribed in-person limit, or prefers not to attend in-person, or is not fully vaccinated, will have the opportunity to participate through the Board's live streaming technology, <http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/live-stream.html>. Board staff will provide the link to those who have advised in writing that they are attending virtually.

Should any party have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact the Board. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours truly,

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

Dr. Darren Christle

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