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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OF MANITOBA
400-330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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ATTENTION: Dr. D. Christle, Board Secretary and Executive Director

Dear Dr. Christle:

RE: Manitoba Hydro Status Update Proceeding and Interim Rate Application

Manitoba Hydro is in receipt of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (“PUB”) letter of October 12, 2021, with respect to Manitoba Hydro’s request for the PUB to discontinue the Status Update Process and replace it with an expediated process to review an interim rate application for 2021/22 and 2022/23. In its letter, the PUB indicates that it will suspend the current Status Update proceeding until November 3, 2021, and if Manitoba Hydro has not filed its Application by that date, will resume the Status Update proceeding and immediately thereafter schedule a Pre-hearing Conference.

Manitoba Hydro is currently working toward meeting the directive issued by Crown Services on September 22nd to file an Interim rate application with the PUB. The Corporation, as applicant, bears the onus of establishing a prima facie case such to warrant an interim rate order from the PUB.

Manitoba Hydro respectfully submits that the November 3rd filing date stipulated by the PUB does not provide adequate time to properly and sufficiently prepare its application to the PUB to satisfy the directive issued by Crown Services. Accordingly, Manitoba Hydro respectfully requests that the PUB extend the filing date of the interim Application and the suspension of the Status Update Proceeding to November 15, 2021, which is the earliest date Manitoba Hydro expects to be in a position to file its interim Application and meet its evidentiary onus. This short extension of time will also allow Manitoba Hydro to incorporate the most up-to-date water conditions into its filing as possible to the benefit of all parties to the proceeding.

Manitoba Hydro expects that its efforts will be fully consumed in filing its Application and responses to most, if not all, of the PUB Minimum Filing Requirements (“MFRs”) by November 15th. As such, and depending on the number and complexity of the intervener MFRs that are approved by the PUB as being relevant and significant, and not duplicitous, for the purpose of this expedited interim rate application process, Manitoba Hydro is not likely to be able to file

responses to approved intervener MFRs by November 15th, and would need to assess whether and when those could be provided after receiving a finalized list of MFRs from the PUB.

We look forward to receiving the PUB's response to this request as soon as is reasonably possible. Should you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact the writer at 204-360-3257.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LEGAL SERVICES

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brent Czarnecki', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brent Czarnecki
Barrister & Solicitor