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Dear Parties:

Re: Application of the Consumers Coalition for an Order requiring a Status Update from Manitoba Hydro

By email dated March 26, 2021 the Board received an Application from the Consumers Coalition seeking an order under s. 26(3) of *The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act*, s. 44 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, and s. 23 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the "Application"). That email and the Consumers Coalition's Application was also copied to all of the Parties to whom this communication is sent.

The Consumers Coalition seeks an order under s. 26(3) of *The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act*, s. 44 of *The Public Utilities Board Act* and s. 23 of the PUB Rules of Procedure. It asks the Board to find the circumstances of Manitoba Hydro have changed substantially since Orders 59/18 and 69/19, and that it is appropriate to review those orders in a status update hearing to: (a) examine whether current hydro rates are just and reasonable and costs are fairly allocated, (b) address unfinished business from Order 69/19 in terms of the deferral account set aside to protect future Hydro ratepayers from rate shock; and, (c) establish a process to address other unfinished directives from Order 59/18 and 69/19.

The Consumers Coalition also proposes that, for the purpose of the status update hearing, the Board direct Manitoba Hydro to file specific information by June 1, 2021. Further, the Consumers Coalition asks the Board to direct that a pre-hearing conference be held on or about June 15, 2021 regarding the status update.

Consistent with the process followed by the Board in determining Manitoba Hydro's request in the 2017/18 & 2018/19 General Rate Application for an interim rate increase, the Board requests that Manitoba Hydro and past Interveners of Record provide written submissions on whether the Board should consider the Application and, if so, what the process should be.

Submissions should be filed with the Board and copied to all parties in receipt of the Application by 4:00 pm on April 12, 2021.

The Consumers Coalition will then have until April 19, 2021 to provide any Reply to the Board, with copies to all parties in receipt of the Application.

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

Yours truly,



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