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Dear Parties:

Re: Order 53/21 and Manitoba Hydro's June 9, 2021 Response

On May 10, 2021, the Public Utilities Board ("Board") issued Order 53/21 in response to the Consumers Coalition's Application for the Board to commence a status update process to determine whether current Manitoba Hydro rates are just and reasonable, whether costs are fairly allocated, and to address unfinished business arising from Orders 59/18 and 69/19.

To assist in the Board's determination of whether there has been a substantial change in Manitoba Hydro's circumstances, Order 53/21 directed Manitoba Hydro to provide the versions of the following documents, or form of the following documents, containing substantially the same information as would be provided in general rate application filings before the Board, that are currently in use in the management and operations of Manitoba Hydro:

1. *the Integrated Financial Forecast*
2. *the Capital Expenditure Forecast*
3. *the Prospective Cost of Service Study; and*
4. *the 2021/22 and 2022/23 forecast of net export revenue and net income for each of the possible water flow conditions, in a form similar to the table and graph provided in response to 2019/20 GRA PUB/MH I-29(b) and (c). The forecast of net export revenue and net income should incorporate water flow conditions updated to at least March 15, 2021. This is to be filed along with an explanation as to the probabilities of droughts (defined as below average hydraulic generation) in each of 2021/22 and 2022/23.*

On June 9, 2021, Manitoba Hydro provided its response to Order 53/21 including four appendices related to the four Board Directives in Order 53/21. In its response to the Board, Manitoba Hydro indicated that should the Board receive further submissions from the Consumers Coalition or any past intervener on this matter, Manitoba Hydro requested the opportunity to reply to those submissions as a matter of procedural fairness.

The Board has received and reviewed the information provided by Manitoba Hydro. Before proceeding further the Board is providing past interveners of record an opportunity to file written submissions on or before Thursday, June 24, 2021 to address Manitoba Hydro's response to Order 53/21. Such written submissions are to be filed with the Board and copied to Manitoba Hydro and all interveners of past record as indicated in this letter.

After receiving and reviewing the submissions from past interveners, the Board will provide additional process instructions to Manitoba Hydro, including an opportunity to reply to the intervener submissions.

Yours truly



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