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Dear Parties:

## Re: Order 53/21 and Intervener Submissions Regarding 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

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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. By letter dated June 18, 2021, the Board stated that before proceeding further it would provide past interveners of record an opportunity to file written submissions on or before June 24, 2021 to address Manitoba Hydro's response to Order 53/21. The Board also indicated that after receiving and reviewing the submissions from past interveners, the Board would provide additional process instructions to Manitoba Hydro, including an opportunity to reply to the intervener submissions.

On June 24, 2021, the Board received written submissions from the Consumers Coalition, the Manitoba Industrial Power Users Group, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak. The Board now provides Manitoba Hydro the opportunity to reply to the submissions filed by the above interveners and to provide additional information if it so decides by noon on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Such written reply is to be filed with the Board and copied to all interveners of past record as indicated in this letter.

Regards,

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